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# COMMENT

THE decision taken by UEFA to reduce the term of suspension imposed upon Leeds United after the 1975 European Cup Final has been generally welcomed. Leeds are now banned for one season upon qualification, but the argument over whether a club (in this case Leeds) is responsible for the behaviour of its supporters at an away ground (in this case the Parc des Princes Stadium in Paris) goes on.

Two of WORLD SOCCER'S most respected columnists disagree. Brian Glanville, writing in the *Sunday Times*, suggested that Leeds should appeal to the international courts and that the UEFA decision had no basis in law. Leslie Vernon, on the other hand, says that Leeds must be held responsible.

Ipswich Town, meanwhile, are the first English club to adopt a positive line in trying to stamp out hooliganism, though their record is not a bad one. Ipswich, one of England's representatives in the UEFA Cup this coming season, have ruled that:

★ No one under 18 will be allowed to travel on officially organised trips unless accompanied by an adult.

★ Flags, banners and alcoholic drinks will be banned on these trips.

★ Fans making their own travel arrangements must sign a form holding them responsible for any damage they may cause before they are allowed to buy tickets.

★ Fans travelling abroad with the club will be issued with a travel card which will be withdrawn if they are involved in any trouble.

Ipswich play Feyenoord in the first round of the UEFA Cup and the Dutch still have bitter memories of the havoc caused by some Tottenham Hotspur supporters in Rotterdam in 1974.

The club and its supporters' club have sensibly got together to work out a plan to prevent trouble before it happens. Other clubs would be advised to follow suit. The scheme is by no means flawless and those bent upon acts of vandalism will find a way round the restrictions.

But at least Ipswich have made a genuine effort to help restore the name of British soccer supporters in Europe. It will be a long time before the memory of what happened in Paris is forgotten across Europe but a trouble-free 1975-76 campaign would be a wonderful tonic.

A section of the crowd at the Parc des Princes Stadium during the 1975 European Cup Final.

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# PELE IN THE USA

from Colin Jose

**THE New York Cosmos, whose signing of Pele may well have marked the real beginning of soccer as a major league sport in the United States came into existence in 1971. They are the second New York team to play in the North American Soccer League the first being the New York Generals who folded up in 1968.**

In their initial season they finished in second place in the NASL's Northern Division behind the Rochester Lancers winning nine of the 24 league games played while losing 10 and drawing five. They scored 51 goals and conceded 55. This won them a place in the play offs for the NASL title against the Atlanta Chiefs who finished at the head of the Southern Division, but the Cosmos lost 1-0 in Atlanta and 2-0 in New York.

Their coach in that year (and in fact still their coach today) was Gordon Bradley who also saw considerable action as a player. Bradley first came to the United States in 1968 to play for the New York Generals after a career in England that had taken him to Sunderland, Bradford and Carlisle United. He has now established himself within the American game and briefly coached the U.S. national team in 1973. Now he finds himself coaching Pele a player he opposed while with the Generals in 1968.

In their second season under Bradley the Cosmos won the NASL championship beating the St Louis Stars in the final playing in New York by two goals to one. In this game striker Randy Horton gave the Cosmos the lead after five minutes but Casey Frankiewicz equalised for St Louis five minutes into the second half. Four minutes from time John Kerr was brought down inside the St Louis penalty area and from the resulting spot kick former Czech international Joseph Jelinek brought the trophy to New York.

Things did not go as well in 1973 as the Cosmos finished behind the newly formed Philadelphia Atoms in the Eastern Division and were beaten in the Play offs 1-0 by Dallas. Last season they slumped to last place in the Northern Division behind Boston, Toronto and Rochester as the NASL expanded and realigned its divisions.

This year as Pele joined them the Cosmos were in a tight race in the Northern Division with a narrow six points separating the five teams and the positions changing almost daily.

### COSMOS TEAM RECORDS 1971-1974

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| | P | W | D | L | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1971 | 26 | 9 | 5 | 12 | 51 | 57 * |
| 1972 | 16 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 31 | 17 * |
| 1973 | 28 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 31 | 24 * |
| 1974 | 28 | 4 | 2 | 14 | 28 | 40 |
| Totals | 82 | 29 | 18 | 35 | 141 | 140 |

* includes play off games

The Cosmos are owned by WEA International (Warner Bros / Elektra / Atlantic) and the president of the club is Nesuhi Ertegun. The vice president and general manager is Clive Toye one time chief soccer writer for the London Daily Express. Toye was General Manager of the Baltimore Bays in 1967 and 1968 and later Director of Administration for the NASL after the Bays folded up.

### GOALKEEPERS

**SAM NUSUM:** Born in Bermuda and has played many times for the Bermuda national team. Now in his fourth season in the NASL previously having played for the Montreal Olympique and the Vancouver Whitecaps.

**JERRY SULARZ:** Born in Poland and came to the United States in 1973 to play for the Cosmos and has remained with the team ever since.

### DEFENDERS

**ANGELO ANASTASIO:** Born in Italy but is now a U.S. citizen having moved to the United States in 1967. Played college soccer in the U.S. before joining the Cosmos last year. Has yet to gain a regular place.

**OMAR CAETANO:** A highly experienced Uruguayan defender who has played for his country on numerous occasions including every game in the 1966 World Cup finals in England. In his first season with the Cosmos and was signed from Penerol where he was a member of the team that won the World Club Championship in 1966.

**LUIS DE LA FUENTE:** Signed by the Cosmos this season from Santander of Spain where he had played for the past two years. Prior to that he was three years as a reserve player with Real Madrid.

**BARRY MAHY:** Born in England and first came to the U.S. in 1967 to play for the old New York Generals. Now in his fifth year with the Cosmos Mahy has played in four internationals for the United States all in 1973. His last English club was Scunthorpe United.

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# This month WORLD SOCCER presents a special series of features from AMERICA

**JUAN MASNIK:** Another Uruguayan international with wide experience Masnik played three times for Uruguay in last summers World Cup finals. Signed by the Cosmos from Nacional but an injury has kept him out of most of the early season games.

**WERNER ROTH:** Born in Yugoslavia, Roth has lived in the U.S. since he was six years old. First joined the Cosmos in 1972 and since then has become the team's regular centre back, as well as first choice for the United States for whom he has played in 14 full internationals making his debut against Mexico in 1972.

**TONY PICCIANO:** Born in Buenos Aires of Italian parents is now a U.S. citizen and played his soccer in the U.S. college ranks before joining the Cosmos this season.

**MIKE DILLON:** Born in London, England and on loan from Tottenham Hotspur, Mike made his First Division debut for Spurs against Manchester United on October 28th, 1972 at Old Trafford in a 4-1 win. Previously played in the NASL with Montreal in 1972.

### MIDFIELD

**JOHN KERR:** Born in Scotland, John Kerr is a soccer gypsy having had experience with several Scottish league clubs before moving to Canada. Stayed in Canada long enough to acquire citizenship and to captain the Canadian national team four times during the preliminary rounds of the 1970 World Cup. Since that time has played in the United States and Mexico helping the Cosmos win the NASL championship in 1972 before being transferred to America of Mexico City. Returned to the Cosmos last year only to suffer a serious back injury which required a spinal fusion.

**ALFREDO LAMAS:** Another player acquired from Uruguay, Lamas was signed from Penarol, but his career has also taken him to Internacional of Porto Alegre, Brazil and to Racing of Montevideo.

**GIL MADARESCU:** Born in Rumania and came to the U.S. in February of this year after a career that has taken him from Rapid to Dynamo and then to Steaua in Bucharest.

**CARLOS SCOTT:** Came to the U.S. ten years ago from his native Bolivia and played in college soccer before joining the Cosmos last year.

### FORWARDS

**JULIO CORREA:** A versatile player who can play in midfield or on the wing. Correa is the fourth Uruguayian in the team and his career has taken him to three of the perennial also rans in the Uruguayan league Huracan, Liverpool and Rampla Juniors.

Pele in action for the New York Cosmos.

**JOE FINK:** Scored 11 goals in his first year with the Cosmos in 1973 and won himself a place in the U.S. national team against Bermuda in September of that year and has now played four times for the U.S. Played in U.S. college soccer before joining the Cosmos.

**MARK LIVERIC:** Born in Yugoslavia and came to the U.S. in 1971 playing with New York Delmatinac in the German American League. Made his international debut for the U.S. against Poland in Chicago in 1973 and subsequent games against Canada and Poland in the same year. His appearance against Canada touched off a protest by the Canadians because he was not a U.S. citizen. A fast direct winger with a good shot in both feet Liveric joined the Cosmos in 1974.

**MANOEL MARIA:** A former teammate of Pele at Santos, Maria is a talented winger who joined the Cosmos early this year.

**AMERICO PAREDES:** The fifth Uruguayan on the Cosmos roster Paredes played with Fenix and Nacional before coming to New York.

**JORGE SIEGA:** Has been plagued with an injury jinx in recent years but has been a very valuable player to the Cosmos since signing in 1971. Born in Brazil Siega is now a U.S. citizen and has played in eight internationals for the U.S. since making his debut in 1973.

**MORDECAI SPIEGLER:** An Israeli international who was outstanding in the 1970 World Cup while a member of the Maccabi club. Although born in Russia he came to Israel at the age of eight. Once played in several friendly games for West Ham United who tried to sign him but he eventually returned to Israel.

# BRIAN GLANVILLE — a student might arouse the interest

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AT four million dollars for three years, Pelé may scarcely seem a bargain to the New York Cosmos. Yet the significance of the deal is such that I believe the Cosmos would have been entitled—and there are precedents in the field of American football—to ask all the other clubs in the National American Soccer League to chip in. For Pelé can galvanise the game in New York, and New York is the key to success.

In the summer of 1967, I spent more than six weeks in New York, during which I wrote a weekly soccer column for the" New York Times". Professional soccer has just started—or, to be precise, restarted—in the United States. There were two leagues, where there was scarcely room for one, infinite enthusiasm, a good deal of money deployed by hopeful and intransigent millionaires, most of whom would learn the hard way that they were mere tyros where football was concerned.

An exception was that amiable Texan Lamar Hunt, who made his early mistakes with the Dallas Tornado, learned from them (not least from that incredible 40-match world tour under the controversial Mr Bob Kap) and has since made splendid strides.

To be the son of one of the richest men in the world is, of course, an advantage, but Lamar has also shown admirable perseverance and resilience. Bravo.

## Polyglot

In 1967, as some may recall, there were two teams playing in New York's Yankee Stadium as there were, ludicrously and suicidally, two leagues; the official United Soccer Association and the National Professional Soccer League. Freddie Goodwin, the present manager of Birmingham City, ran the New York Generals as best he could, trying to breathe harmony into a polyglot collection of superannuated but gifted Argentinians, English free transfer players, young West Indians and the ex-Juventus centre-forward, Siciliano.

The so-called New York Skyliners, in the official league, were in fact Cerro of Montevideo, then the third best club in Uruguay, which, as we all know, really has but two. Cerro, managed by the 1966 Uruguayan World Cup team manager, Ondino Viera, were an efficient but rather dull team and besides, how many Uruguayans are there in New York?

Those vast, 67,000-place expanses looked vast indeed when the Generals or the Skyliners played at home. New York yawned, though there was one occasion when Cagliari, alias Chicago, came to town, and Italian fans viciously invaded the pitch, pursuing like hounds the poor little Leo Goldstein, the game's referee.

The fact is that, so far as New York is concerned, our old friend Catch 22, with apologies to Mr Joseph Heller, again seems to operate. The majority of the populace knows nothing and cares less about soccer, but those who do know enough to know bad soccer when they see it. Or do not see it.

## Patriotism

At the same time, without conquering New York, soccer cannot conquer America. There have been splendid breakthroughs in Dallas, in San Jose and in Seattle which are admirable and most encouraging in themselves. Like patriotism, however, they are simply not enough. Not remotely. New York is the nerve centre of communications, New York is where all the major television networks have their headquarters, New York, that fashion-obsessed centre of fashion, decides what is in and what is not in sport, and so much else.

## Sympathise

It is this Everest of a problem which has led me to sympathise with the energetic Phil Woosnam, president and pioneer of the NASL and once an Aston Villa star, with Clive Toye, late of the "Daily Express", now general manager of the New York Cosmos, who have succeeded the poor old cashiered New York Generals, and their hideous deep green strip.

The circle has been vicious indeed. With little or no money coming through the turnstiles, the Cosmos have hitherto had to cut their coat according to their cloth, and the cloth has been threadbare. This in turn has necessitated a reach-me-down team playing in a broken-down stadium.

And now . . . Pelé. A magnificently bold, grandiose gamble which, I believe, has every chance of succeeding. I also believe that there was a case for the Cosmos organising a whip-round among the other clubs; something which, in parallel circumstances, has happened in other American sporting leagues.

Pelé is so modish, so wonderfully well known even in New York, that he would bring Manhattan flocking—were the venue only a little more salubrious—and in any case should attract the vast immigrant population.

The pioneering work of Woosnam, Toye and the devoted Ron Newman, down in Dallas, has certainly led to a great burgeoning at the grass roots. Some ten thousand children and youth are playing football in the Dallas area alone where Ron Griffith from Blackpool is the man who converted Kyle Rote junior from American football to soccer — and given time, soccer would, or will, catch on.

## Circuit

It is a question, though, of how much time. Pelé could provide what you could describe as a benign short circuit, could take New York, could rekindle (as he seems already to have done) the interest of television, and reduce what might otherwise be a 15- or 20-year period to less than half.

True, there is still an immense amount to be done. Little Dettmar Cramer, who gave up his job as US national coach at the turn of the year to become manager of Bayern, recently told me, with weary sadness, that the infrastructure, the organisation, of the game at large was still massively inadequate. But that could be put right were enough money engendered to do it.

Another thing Pelé might achieve is to rouse the interest of the Negro population. It is from here, if the Brazilian experience itself is anything to go by, that American soccer could draw its future stars. So far, however, enthusiasm has been negligible, and the minority which has produced Bill Russell, Bob Hays, Wilt the Stilt Chamberlain, Willy Mays and the rest has so far given little or nothing to football. Pelé could provide the spur,

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the ego ideal, to change all that radically.

While I am on the subject of black players, let me digress by writing about one who recently both impressed and disappointed me at Wembley. He was the 15-year-old Godfrey Ingram, playing for England's schoolboys against Scotland. Ingram, who comes from Bedfordshire and has signed forms for Luton Town, is one of the most breathtakingly gifted young players I have ever seen, possessed of an elusive grace, a superb balance, a sinuous movement and control, which I have seldom seen equalled in this country.

### Splendid

Yet for all his powers, the star of the afternoon, the ultimate match winner, was John McCluskey of Scotland, a player of traditional Scottish skills, splendid on the ball, tireless in the heat, devastating on both wings.

What McCluskey does, he does brilliantly at times, but Ingram can, sporadically, do it with half the effort. Alas, he merely flickered in and out of the match after a glorious beginning, concealing himself for long periods on the left wing.

*Pace* West Ham and Orient, I began to see why English coaches are so sceptical about black players. Yet why should black athletes succeed so outstandingly in Brazil and the United States, but not here?

**Pictures by Peter Robinson**

Pele makes his debut for New York Cosmos.

# How long will interest last?

## COLIN JOSE reports on Pele's debut for New York Cosmos

**IN the September 1968 edition of World Soccer I wrote that if ever soccer in North America becomes big time then it would owe a great deal to Pele. At that time Santos were touring the United States and Canada and Pele was, of course, the star attraction. Never before had a soccer star attracted so much attention on a continent where the game was just about as popular as riding over Niagara Falls in a barrel.**

As a result of that tour Pele became the first and only soccer player whose name became a household word in the United States and Canada, and since that time the North American Soccer League has tried repeatedly to cash in on the magic that his name seems to bring whenever and wherever it is mentioned.

Now the New York Cosmos, a team that almost died on its feet at the gate last season, have accomplished what many considered the impossible or a mere publicity stunt: they have signed the great Brazilian player to a contract said to be worth 4.7 million dollars and all of it tax free.

For weeks reports emanated from New York giving a blow by blow description of the attempt by officials of the Cosmos to lure Pele out of retirement and finally on Tuesday, June 10, he officially signed for the New York club. The signing was witnessed by a horde of newsmen at the 21 Restaurant in New York City who sometimes fought for position in the crowded room. No soccer player had ever commanded so much attention from the North American news media before.

The North American Soccer League, out in the cold ever since the league all but collapsed in a sea of red ink in 1968, was suddenly back on the front of the sports pages and even the giant CBS television network pre-empted its Sunday afternoon movie in order to televise the debut of the great man when he appeared in a Cosmos uniform for the first time.

**But what will Pele's signing mean to soccer in the United States and Canada and to a league still struggling to establish itself in the minds of Americans as a serious rival to major league baseball and football?**

Some weeks ago Phil Woosnam, Commissioner of the NASL and the man mainly responsible for keeping the league afloat during the dark days of 1969 and then building it up to the point where it now has more teams than ever before, told me that he feels that Pele will give the NASL the major league image it has long been seeking. Madison Avenue, hub of the huge advertising and publicity business in the United States, was he felt the door to success for any product and Pele could provide the key to that door.

If the reaction to Pele's signing and then his debut is any true indicator then Woosnam is correct, for the NASL has courted a television contract since its last one in 1968 and now here were CBS waiting on its doorstep.

# DIARY

**IN spite of what for him was a quiet season in the goalscoring line, Gerd Muller remains over 100 goals ahead of his nearest rival in the Bundesliga. Twenty-three goals last season put Muller on the 281 mark and Jupp Heynckes who was the leading marksman last season with 27 has 175 and is in second place.**

**Heynckes' 27 goals in 1974-75 was also the lowest total for a leading scorer in the competition for five seasons.**

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**BAYERN MUNICH'S goalkeeper Sepp Maier ended the season having completed 306 consecutive matches in the Bundesliga. Maier earned a new nickname during the season and is now widely referred to as "Super-Sepp".**

**He reckons that he can go on playing until his late 30s when he expects to concentrate on tennis! Can you imagine him playing at Wimbledon in the Men's Singles Final and the 'other' Don saying: "I don't fancy this chap at all . . ."**

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**AUSTRIA'S great experiment of reducing their First Division to ten clubs in a streamlined super-league, appears to have been something of a disaster.**

**Partly due to the runaway success of the new champions SW Innsbruck who finished with a nine point lead, there appeared little interest in the competition and with clubs playing each other four times, familiarity bred contempt.**

**The most worrying aspect was the fact that the average attendance fell to only 5,900 and in the last week of the season the five matches produced a total of only 12,750. This included an incredible 743 for the Austria/WAC v Sturm Graz match and only 2,000 for Rapid v Eisenstadt.**

**This might serve as a gentle reminder to other countries who are thinking along the same lines.**

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**IT seems that Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman were not the only ones to make a sensation in Casablanca. In a recent African Cup match there Morocco beat Ghana 8-5 to qualify for the next round of the competition on an 8-7 aggregate after losing the first leg 2-0 in Ghana.**

**Morocco who qualified for the World Cup in 1970 have not quite lived up to their promise in the last five years, but perhaps they are now moving towards a kind of footballing Mecca . . .**

Pele—he started quietly.

Downing Stadium on Randell's Island in New York City and almost hidden under the Triborough Bridge was the scene of Pele's triumphal entry. An announced crowd of 21,278 were on hand to see the master at work causing immense traffic jams in the immediate area for the New York Yankees were playing baseball at Shea Stadium just around the corner.

Pele started quietly like a little boy lost in a new neighbourhood, but slowly as the game progressed he made his presence felt but by that time the Cosmos were two goals down to the Dallas Tornado with Portsmouth player Rick Reynolds, normally a winger but playing in defence rarely giving Pele a look in.

But Dallas had played almost a continent away in San Antonio, Texas the night before and they began to tire as Pele began to take control and to direct his new team mates. He hit the post with a header and Johnny Kerr drove a fine shot against the upright. At half time Dallas still held their 2-0 lead but the Cosmos had won seven corners to one for the Tornado.

A Pele pass that carved the Dallas defence wide open made the score 2-1 as Mordecai Spiegler trickled the ball inside the post. Then came a vintage Pele header from a cross from the right to level the scores and send the massed cameramen behind the goal wild with delight, holding up the game in the process.

But the final storybook ending did not come, as the game ended 2-2 with a mob scene as Pele had the shirt torn from his back. Sharing the honours with the great man was Dallas goalkeeper Ken Cooper who was outstanding.

## Average

**What now? Will the glamour and the hysteria last? What lasting effect can Pele have on the game in the United States and Canada? Certainly in the rest of the season wherever Pele goes attendances will shoot away above the average but I feel that attendances will revert to their normal level during the weeks when he does not appear. The number of converts to normal NASL fare will be minimal.**

Perhaps we might draw an analogy with England's Fourth Division. Let us assume that Darlington signed Pele, wherever Darlington played attendances would soar but in the weeks that followed attendances throughout the league would fall to their normal level. For the Fourth Division would still be the Fourth Division and that is about where the NASY is today.

No, whatever effect Pele does have on North American soccer will be in the realm of publicity for the game at large. He will provide the youth of America with the first superstar to emulate, a superstar not thousands of miles away but one on their doorstep.

## Medium

Through the medium of television, if Pele brings about the desired contract the NASY is looking for in 1976, he will bring the sheer joy of playing the game to millions of Americans who have spent their lives in left field admiring the sky with a baseball mitt on their left hand.

If he can through television entice these people to go to a game and even produce a slight rise in attendance then the NASL owners will be able to buy better players raising the standard throughout the league as a whole. And of course an increase in the standard would increase the attendance yet again.

The who exercise is a gamble at the NASL level, but for the youth it is a sure fire success adding impetus to the already burgeoning ranks of young players from Miami to Vancouver and from San Antonio to Hartford. In publicity alone he has already begun to repay that huge fee, now it remains to be seen if one man can lift the NASL out of mediocrity and place it alongside the National Football League and the American and National Baseball Leagues at the pinnacle of U.S. sport. It would not be wise to judge initial reactions optimistically only time will tell the success or failure of the venture.

# DIARY

**THERE are so many Uruguayans playing in Spain at present that they have organised themselves into a team and appear in Testimonial matches against local sides. Recently they beat Albacete 4-1 in a benefit game.**

**In fact they have more than enough players on whom to call with new signings this summer swelling the numbers. Competition for places could be quite keen, too.**

**Against Albacete, the best known players were Julio Montero Castillo and Juan Mujica both of whom have played in the World Cup for Uruguay plus Omar Rey who was in the qualifying competition of the last world series.**

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**SLAVIA SOFIA, Bulgarian Cup winners for the fifth time this season held an odd record in the championship during 1974-75. Of all the players who turned out for them in the First Division only one, right back Tchakarov failed to score in the championship.**

**Slavia completed their League programme by getting a point off their local rivals CSKA the Army club in a 1-1 draw, but it was not enough to prevent their opponents winning the championship again.**

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**THE annual competition run on the Continent for the benefit of summer pools, the International Cup is now under way. Forty teams compete in 10 groups of four. There are no qualifiers from this stage and no winners, either.**

**Attendances are usually quite modest. For instance in Sweden, Oesters Vaxjo met Grasshoppers before 1,439 while in Switzerland the Zurich v Eintracht Brunswick game pulled in 2,500. But Young Boys Berne attracted 4,000 for the visit of the Czech club Bohemians, for whom Antonin Panenka the 'new' discovery of the national side scored two goals incidentally.**

**And another 4,000 saw Bohemians at home to the West German club Kaiserslautern.**

**Sweden have six clubs in the competition, while the Czechs have five. Austria, Denmark, Poland, West Germany, Holland and Switzerland have four each, Portugal and Yugoslavia two each and Belgium one.**

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**RAPID BUCHAREST beat Universitatea Craiova 2-1 in the Rumanian Cup Final, one of the last remaining competitions left over from the 1974-75 season. Rapid play Anderlecht in the Cup Winners Cup, while Craiova meet Red Star Belgrade in the UEFA Cup.**

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# Even Kais Kitabdjia

**TO be criticised wholeheartedly by the British Press, the French Press and most of the neutrals was one thing.**

But when even Franz Beckenbauer said he thought his foul on Allan Clarke should have led to a penalty, Michel Kitabdjian must have wondered how much the "honour" of refereeing the Champions' Cup Final was worth.

Bayern's skipper had this to say about that controversial 38th-minute incident at Paris' Parc des Princes: "I've seen the reruns on television several times now and I do think that the referee should have given the foul. Certainly Clarke was right to raise his arm to appeal."

At the time Beckenbauer flipped the ball away into touch and the Leeds striker flat on his face I thought that Clarke had seemed to precipitate his collapse and guessed this was why Kitabdjian awarded only a corner.

Either way it's history now.

Just like that occasion Beckenbauer appeared to handle as Peter Lorimer jinked his way through (27th); just like Lorimer's 66th-minute "goal" which Kitabdjian refused because of Billy Bremner being offside.

As if that wasn't enough, Leeds have other unhappy memories of the French referee. He was in charge in Turin's Stadio Municipale in 1965, when Bobby Collins broke his leg in the 0-0 draw with Torino. That was Leeds' very first venture into Europe — a campaign now brought to a temporary close thanks to their own hooligans.

## Diagonal

Kitabdjian had only refereed one other Leeds game before Paris: that 1-0 semi-final defeat by Celtic at Elland Road in the 1970 Champions' Cup. And, strange as it may seem, that game provides Kitabdjian with his happiest memory from 22 years running the diagonal.

He recalled: "Despite their defeat the Leeds officials at the end of the game made a special point of congratulating us, the French refereeing trio, for the way we'd handled the game."

There were no congratulations at the Parc. Merely a terse: "I've no idea why he disallowed the goal — I've kept away from him," from Leeds boss Jimmy Armfield.

The Parc was Kitabdjian's 157th international match — and yet in all that time he'd only refereed Bayern twice before as well. The first occasion was their 1-1 draw with Valencia in the 1968 Cup-winners' Cup quarter final — a game made memorable for him by the fine performances of Beckenbauer and Sepp Maier — and then a friendly against Marseille before the start of the 1973-74 season.

And Kitabdjian only became a referee by accident!

He was born in Nice on May 7, 1930 and his background was Armenian. His grandparents in fact were the victims of a long-ago Turkish massacre which decided his parents to start a new life in France.

In 1945, at 15, he started playing football for a local ethnic club, the Union Sportive Armenienne and he played inside forward and wing half for eight years before becoming a director. Then, a year later, a referee failed to show up for a youth team game. Kitabdjian stepped in and did so well that the president of the local referees' organisation, who was at the match, urged him to take up refereeing seriously.

Kitabdjian did so. In 1955 he became a referee in the southeast league and in 1957 was promoted again so that in 1959 he went onto the federal list to referee French league matches. In 1961 he was advanced to the FIFA list and began his international career with the Cup Winners Cup tie in Madrid between Atletico and Leicester City. Leicester went down 2-0.

From there on Kitabdjian hasn't looked back. He's refereed 19 full internationals, including the England-Czechoslovakia European Championship tie at Wembley in November. Then there have been two other European Championship games, three matches in the 1968 Mexico Olympics, and seven World Cup qualifying games. So far Kitabdjian has missed out on the World Cup Finals.

## Decider

What may have counted against him was the mix-up in the qualifying rounds for Mexico 1970 when Morocco and Tunisia were all-square after extra time in their play-off in Marseille. Kitabdjian had to toss the coin to decide who went to Mexico — and the Tunisians will swear to this day that he turned it over as he picked it up.

Morocco went through, but the lesson of that controversy wasn't lost on FIFA or UEFA, and it helped speed the introduction of the penalty decider.

In European competitions for clubs Kitabdjian has been entrusted with plenty of top matches.

In 1965 he refereed the Benfica-Gyor Champions' Cup semi-final and in the Cup-winners' Cup in 1971 took charge of the Real Madrid-PSV Eindhoven game which Real won 2-1 in Chamartin. In the Fairs Cup, apart from Torino-Leeds, he also handled the Ferencvaros-Manchester United semi-final second leg and in 1967 the Eintracht-Dynamo Zagreb semi-final first leg. But not one final — until this year.

**Kitabdjian tops the French referee rating on the league's official points system, but the man generally acknowledged as the No 1 is Robert Héliès — which makes it the more ironic that when Kitabdjian was in a tizzy over Lorimer's "goal" the linesman he ran to for advice was Héliès.**

## Offside

That decision will long mystify many people. Bremner was certainly in an offside position in the goalmouth. On the other hand Héliès had returned to the halfway line when Kitabdjian ran across to ask his opinion! So why wasn't Héliès in charge? Simply, because he refereed the 1972 Rotterdam final between Ajax and Inter and it was thought "unfair" to give him another.

At least that kind of muddled thinking worked to his advantage when it came to the French Cup Final a few weeks later. Héliès was given the game because "since Kitabdjian handled the Champions' Cup Final it would be unfair to give him the major French showpiece as well"!

Discipline was also a problem in Paris. Many neutrals felt that in any other game Kitabdjian would have sent off Terry Yorath for the challenge which put Bjoern Andersson out of the match. Then, of course, there was Georg Schwarzenbeck. Merciless as ever on Joe Jordan, he was rightly booked after 24 minutes for a bad tackle. Yet when Kitabdjian saw Jordan taken out again in the 58th minute, he reached into his pocket for the yellow card, saw suddenly that the offender was Schwarzenbeck and put the card away.

There should have been no two ways about it. If Kitabdjian thought the offence a bookable one there was only one thing he could have done, sent Schwarzenbeck off. Instead, he contented himself with a lecture.

Though what effect this must have had is dubious, for Kitabdjian speaks only French and Armenian. No English. No German.

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In fact, though before the game he said: "The captains know their responsibilities in a Champions' Cup Final well enough, there's no need for me to give some long discourse before the kick-off," the cynics wondered if this reasoning owed more to his linguistic limitations.

"The laws of play should be enough at this level," Kitabdjian had said. But, though a man who favours the advantage rule wherever possible, Leeds might think he used it to excess.

Kitabdjian's a married man. His wife, Rosa, also comes from an Armenian background and they have two children — Georges (17) and Veronique (12). He works full time for a precision tool firm — a job which cost him a finger in 1970.

It was a setback he took stoically, just as he found no irony in the Paris situation whereby he got £60 expenses from FIFA and Bayern were on more than 100 times that to win. He keeps fit by regular training stints early in the morning before cycling to work and he compares his job with refereeing: "Both require the greatest concentration."

Before he always thought of British crowds as the best in the world because they always appeared the best educated in the laws of the game — and it's this theme of football education which always comes to the fore when he talks about the future of soccer. For example, he doesn't think that any problems will be solved by changing the rules.

## Education

"Better education of crowds and players is the greatest need," he said. "In England I've seen copies of the laws hung on dressing room walls. That ought to be turned into a world-wide campaign."

Nevertheless, despite his sometimes over-academic approach, Kitabdjian does suffer from nerves — usually in the ten minutes before the kick-off. Once the whistle has gone everything goes out of his head but the job in hand. On one occasion he had to send off several of his former Armenienne team-mates, but did so without turning a hair.

He thinks that his eight years as a player helped him distinguish between real fouls and imaginary or trick ones. But it still saddens him that despite all efforts of FIFA and various national federations, there are still so many players who can't tell the difference between the strong and the brutal in soccer.

He knows what it's like to get upset with a referee and was sad in the aftermath of Bayern-Leeds that his wish hadn't been fulfilled for a "game which is a true feast of football."

Kitabdjian, in fact, had thought highly enough of his calling to ask to be excused from the Toulon youth tournament shortly before, so as to be able to "prepare for the final."

A pity then, that it all turned sour. Even the following Sunday, when he ran out to referee the Rennes-Reims league game, he was greeted with a storm of whistles and catcalls from it seemed, every member of the 12,428 crowd.

But, to quote Kitabdjian again: "If I have a bad game I don't need anyone to tell me about it."

**Not even Kaiser Franz . . .**

The Parc des Princes stadium in Paris after the European Cup Final.

## from COLIN JOSE

# Soccer is becoming 'American'

**WITH the exception of the World Cups of 1930 and 1950 the impact of United States soccer on the world scene has been virtually nil. The country has never produced club teams of any note or even in most cases of any lasting duration while the national team has only won 21 out of the 82 full internationals it has played to date, and those games that it has won were against fourth and fifth rate opposition for the most part.**

One of the reasons for the failure of soccer in the United States to gain any stature is because it has never become an American game, although the signs are there at the present that this is changing. U.S. soccer throughout most of its history has relied heavily on imported players or immigrants who settled across its vast territory. Apart from its very early years and a period during the 1920's and 30's native born Americans have turned their backs on the game.

The first international ever played by a team representing the United States took place either in Kearney or Newark, New Jersey (reports differ) on November 28th, 1885 when the U.S. were beaten 1-0 by Canada. One year later and again in New Jersey the teams met again with the U.S. winning 3-2 on two goals scored in the last five minutes.

Nine United States players were in the combined Canadian-American team that toured Britain in 1891 and one of them Jeffrey from the Pawtucket club holds the distinction of having scored from the first penalty kick ever awarded in Ireland when he scored against Linfield in Belfast.

### Attention

However, the United States as a nation did not play any more full internationals until they made a brief trip to Scandinavia in 1916 beating Sweden 3-2 and drawing 1-1 with Norway.

A further visit to Europe to take part in the Olympic Games of 1924 was followed by a 3-2 win over Poland in Warsaw and a defeat 1-3 at the hands of Eire in Dublin, but it was not until the 1930 World Cup in Montevideo that the U.S. first caught the attention of the soccer world.

At this time soccer was very popular in the United States with the American Soccer League which operated along the north-east coast drawing large crowds on a regular basis. In fact a team representing the ASL beat Hakoah of Vienna 3-0 on May 1, 1926 in New York before 35,000 fans and this is still the largest crowd ever to watch a soccer game in the United States.

The U.S. national team that went to Montevideo in 1930 contained the following players. Goal: Jim Douglas (New York Nationals); Full backs: Frank Vaughn (St Louis Ben Millers), Alex Wood (Detroit Holly Carburators), George Moorhouse (New York Giants); Half backs: Jim Gallagher (New York Nationals), Rapheal Tracy (Ben Millers), Bill Gonsalves (Fall River), Andy Auld (Providence); Forwards: Jim Brown, Bill O'Brien (New York Giants), Bert Patenaude (Fall River), Tom Florie (New Bedford), Bart McGee (New York Nationals), Mike Bookie (Cleveland Slavia), J. C. Gentle (Philadelphia).

This team played Belgium on opening day July 13, 1930 winning 3-0 and followed this up with a similar performance four days later against Paraguay to earn a berth in the semi-final against Argentina. But Argentina proved too strong and with the U.S. down to 10 men after just 10 minutes, centre-half Tracy having broken his leg, and goalkeeper Jimmy Douglas having been crippled they went under 6-1.

Even so the U.S. were only down 1-0 at the half but in the second half down to 10 men and with only eight of those fit, left half Andy Auld playing with gauze stuffed in his mouth to staunch the blood following a kick in the mouth, the strain was too much.

On their way home from Montevideo the U.S. lost 4-3 to Brazil in Rio in the only full international ever played between the two countries. The 1934 World Cup brought a 4-2 win over Mexico before taking a 7-1 hammering against Italy in the first round proper.

From then until 1950 the U.S. virtually disappeared from the main world stage when because at that time two places were allocated to what is now the CONCACAF region, they qualified behind Mexico. The Americans opened against Spain in Curitiba putting on a good performance but losing 3-1 before facing England four days later in Belo Horizonte.

### Comments

A great deal has been written about this game which turned out to be one of the greatest upsets of all time with the U.S. winning 1-0. Of course most of the writing has been done by English journalists because the American press then as now remain indifferent to the game. However, Walter Bahr who was the left half of the U.S. team recently refuted some of the comments made by English journalists during an interview in the magazine 'Soccer America' noting that the American players did not stay up until the early hours of the morning before the match as has been repeatedly reported.

**Bahr also feels that the U.S. players were not given enough credit for their win and that the result was not so much of a fluke as some people believe. He says Tom Finney told me: "We could have played till tomorrow and not scored."**

Perhaps England should have been forwarned when what was virtually an England second team only defeated the same U.S. team 1-0 in New York ten days earlier.

The United States wound up its participation in the 1950 World Cup with a loss by five goals to two at the hands of Chile, but long after everything else was forgotten that unbelieveable win over England will be remembered and argued about.

### National

Since that time the U.S. has never played in the final rounds of the World Cup and has never even come close to qualifying as Mexico dominated the one position awarded to the CONCACAF region for many years. Yet there has been a reawakening of the importance of the U.S. national team to the development of the game in the U.S. in recent years and in particular the impetus the game would receive if the Americans were to qualify for the finals.

It is not totally inconceivable that the U.S. could be in Argentina in 1978 and much may depend on the pairings in the CONCACAF region when the preliminary rounds begin next year. The U.S. traditionally finds itself facing Canada and Mexico with the Mexicans usually being too strong for the two northern countries.

Much could also depend on just what policy the United States Soccer Federation follows in the selection of the team for as yet the latest crop of purely American players such as those used on the recent European tour are not ready. But strengthening that team with some of the better imported players who are now U.S. citizens could make the difference between qualifying and not qualifying.

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Peter Lorimer "scores" the disputed goal during the European Cup Final.

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A BUNCH of morons set out one sunny morning in May to gay Paree to watch their beloved Leeds United win the European Cup. On their merry way, they vandalized the trains between London and Dover, created mayhem on the boat and arrived in the capital of France in a drunken stupor. These despicable louts ransacked supermarkets, terrorised old ladies, and finally descended on the Parc de Princes stadium like a malevolent invading army infiltrating a fortress. A fortress, however, which was supposed to be the scene of a festival of football, on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the greatest club competition ever devised.

During the first half, the French referee denied Leeds a clear penalty, but the mob stayed comparatively silent and well-behaved. In the second period, a Lorimer goal was quite justly disallowed because two other players were in an off-side position—Bremner in fact was trying to get out of the way of the shot.

(*It is pointless to argue the validity of referee Kitabjian's decision—slow motion T.V. tape has shown that he was one-hundred-per-cent right*).

## Linesman

Since the goal was cancelled out amidst a certain amount of confusion between referee and linesman, one would have expected some reaction from the crowd. But the Leeds "fans" learned from their morning newspapers that the Final was a foregone conclusion that Sepp Maier was a joke of a goalkeeper, and that Beckenbauer had no stomach for a fight, so they stayed quiet waiting for the inevitable avalanche of 'made in Yorkshire' goals.

Then the incredible, the unexpected, the outrageous happened. The despised Krauts counter-attacked and Roth scored! Then and only then did the much publicised riot break out. Whether Lorimer's goal was a good one or not didn't come into it at all!

English crowds regard refs' decisions as part of the hazards of the game. But these over - confident, over - stimulated hooligans could not accept defeat. Their behaviour was quite indefensible, and in the eyes of Europe, they have smeared our image for years to come. Yet, several of my colleagues, while paying pious lip-service to the general condemnation, have managed to unearth some excuses for this unqualified disaster.

Brian Glanville, who is going through a period of manic persecution of the establishment (all of them in general and the UEFA in particular) says that the crowd was incensed by Kitabjian's refereeing. As I demonstrated above, they didn't react to the contentious decisions at all! And in any case, are they all visionaries who slashed the seats of trains and beat up bystanders well before the match, knowing in advance that the Final would be refereed by a crook?

## Dignity

Brian also writes in the *Sunday Times* that Leeds were harshly treated by the European Union, and that they must appeal to the International Court in the Hague! And that is really the crux of the matter! Are the clubs responsible for the behaviour of their supporters? Is it their fault that the English—not so long ago the most fair-minded sporting nation in the world—cannot accept defeat with dignity any longer?

My answer, especially in the context of football, is an unqualified yes! Clubs (not only Leeds, all of them!) actively encourage mob violence by promoting a tribal spirit amongst their easily impressionable teenaged supporters. The selling of flags, pennants, scarves, T-shirts etc., is big business.

"You are 'somebody' if you are wearing our colours" they tell these dupes. While they make occasional noises to the contrary, managers and players openly pay homage to their most vociferous supporters. Tommy Docherty said: "We don't really want them, but we would rather have them than not!" A contortion which in reality, puts a welcome mat under the bovver-booted feet of a Manchester United hooligan.

The Arsenal players constantly praise the North Shed—those brave little boys who deface the walls around Highbury and cause havoc on the Underground. When Billy Bremner led his team towards the, by then, half-deserted stands, he was merely following a well-worn path which could eventually lead to the destruction of the game.

Whose finger is on the trigger? Lionel Francis, a shrewd observer of the contemporary football scene, and an expert on the workings of the criminal, destructive mind, says: "You cannot turn naked emotion on-and-off like a tap. These youngsters are manipulated by the clubs. By subtle methods they are made to believe that the more outrageous their behaviour, their devotion to the colours are more solid and proven."

Mr. Francis is right! In the early days of the Nazi movement, Hitler never actually instructed his cohorts to beat-up non-Aryan University students and break shop windows in Vienna and Berlin. No, he merely created an atmosphere in which such brutalities were considered 'acts of faith'. This analogy might appear too absurd and far-fetched. But aren't the youth of today searching for an identity?

## Uniform

Descending on towns, whether it be Bristol or Paris, wearing the uniform colours of a football club they have no real affiliation to or loyalty for—in the true sense is the same kind of "outlet" which prompted political activists in the past. The clubs must stop promoting exaggerated partizanship. Supporters must be told again and again and again that football is merely a game, not a substitute for war, which involves the active participation of the spectators. And if there is the slightest misbehaviour

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on the terraces, grounds must be closed for several weeks—the clubs must pay a heavy price for their greed and folly and for festering such an unhealthy attitude.

Leeds to apply for clemency against an all-too-modest ban to a Court of Human Rights? What for? They are as guilty as hell! Of course, television has its own culpable cross to bear. The canonization of the "Kop" has shown an example to the other clubs which they cannot imitate. The original Liverpool model might be Simon Pure, but the carbon copies have flaws aplenty!

And at the beginning of a new season, may I respectfully ask my friends, the commentators, to be slightly less irritating than they were last term. Please, Mr. Coleman, look-up your records before you tell 15 million people that Bayern Munich won the UEFA Cup. They have not only never won it, but have never even played for it! Bayern did win the Cup Winners Cup once before, but that is a different competition, isn't it?

Also, please, all of you at the B.B.C. thumb through your "laws of the game" so that you might fully understand "obstruction", the off-side laws, the purpose of the four-steps ruling, etc. So, in future you won't say "he's given a free kick" in wonderment, a good minute after every viewer knows that he did and why!

Cut out the euphemisms when commenting on poor football. ("That was a dreadful error" said Dan Maskell at Wimbledon time and again — quite rightly). But you, my friends, wouldn't dream of openly criticising anyone. While you describe each goal as though it was the second coming, when a player tamely shoots past the post from five yards, you say: "He won't be very proud of that", or "a magnificent move ruined by mediocre finishing". A diabolical tackle is dismissed as "unnecessary" and a tactical foul as "spoiling the rhythm of the opposing forward-line".

Oh well, I'll still enjoy every minute of it, but I repeat, we could do with a bit more factual accuracy, understanding of the game and its laws, and honesty in praise and condemnation.

Leeds United officials looking glum during the latter stages of the 1975 European Cup Final.

# Libertadores Cup Final

report from

## ERIC WEIL

# Argentinian clubs continue to dominate...

**THEY might as well call it Independiente's cup—the Libertadores Cup, symbol of South American club supremacy, which Independiente of Argentina won for the fourth year running when they beat Chile's Union Española 2-0 in the final play-off in Asunción on June 29.**

Independiente had already won the trophy in 1964 and 1965, making it six times in all in the competition's sixteen-year history during which Argentine clubs have held it ten times.

This year it looked as if Independiente had had it after losing their first two semi final group away matches and then had to win by at least 3-0 against Cruzeiro (Brazil) in the last encounter to enter the final. They pulled out their best display of the season and just did it.

A goal three minutes from the end, scored by Ahumada, gave Union Española a 1-0 victory in the first leg in Santiago de Chile. Union Española had the best of the game most of the way, attacking with more men and finding the way to goal more easily than their rivals. Independiente's attack was often stranded with star players Rojas and Bochini seldom in the game.

The Argentine team left wide open spaces between defence and attack and Union Española had little difficulty in cutting off their efforts to start attacking moves—so much so that Independiente only had two shots at goal during the first half.

Palacios and Spedaletti shone for the Chilean team which found loopholes in the usually tight Independiente defence towards the end before deservedly scoring just on time.

### Defensive

In the second leg in Buenos Aires a week later, Rojas made it 1-0 for Independiente in the very first minute, leaving the teams level, but this did not alter the Chilean team's expected defensive tactics. However, they were dangerous in counter-attacks and during one of these Spedaletti fell in the penalty area (looking for a spot kick). Uruguayan referee Barretos fell for the act and Las Heras made it 1-1 from the spot.

Independiente had most of the play, but didn't know what to do with the ball against a well-placed defence in which Arias shone. But continued home pressure brought a penalty 13 minutes after half-time when Rojas apparently did the "act" when he fell in the area and Pavoni converted the spot kick. Immediately after Rojas and Soto (UE) got involved in an argument and were both sent off.

Bertoni scored Independiente's third—the best of the match—seven minutes from the end, meaning that a draw (after extra time) would retain the Cup for Independiente on superior goal average of 3-2 over the two legs.

Independiente's territorial superiority in this second leg can be measured from the fact that they were awarded 13 corners to Union Española's solitary one near the end.

The decider took place on neutral ground in Asunción (Paraguay) four days later.

Newcomer Ruiz Moreno (29 m.) and Bertoni (19 minutes after half-time) scored the goals which gave Independiente a deserved 2-0 victory.

**It was a poor first half when nerves seemed to grip players of both teams as they sized each other up. Union Española occasionally dominated the midfield, but found the Argentine defence tough to crack as usual.**

Independiente also failed to hit it off in attack and again found Arias a stumbling block in the Chilean defence.

The intensely fought second half saw Independiente come into their own with forward Bertoni easily the man of the match.

It was Union Española's first final appearance and it was Independiente's experience which probably swung the scales again. It showed, for example, in their calmer play when it counted and in their repeatedly catching the Chilean forwards offside.

**June 18** (first leg at Santiago)

**Union Española (Chile) (0) 1** (Ahuamada)
**Independiente (Argentina) (0) 0**

**Union Española:** Vallejos, Machuca, Soto, Berly, Arias, Palacios, Las Heras (Inostrosa), Ahumada, Trujillo, Spedaletti, Hoffman (Miranda).

**Independiente:** Perez, Commisso, Sá, Semenewicz, Pavoni, Rojas, Galvan, Bochini, Balbuena, Ruiz, Moreno, Bertoni (Giribet).

**June 25** (second leg in Buenos Aires)

**Independiente (Argentina) (1) 3** (Rojas, Pavoni pen., Bertoni)
**Union Española (Chile) (1) 1** (La Heras pen.)

**Independiente:** Perez, Commisso, Sá, Semenewicz, Pavoni, Rojas (sent off 58m), Galvan, Bochini, Balbuena, Ruiz Moreno, Bertoni.

**Union Española:** Vallejos, Machuca, Berly, Soto (sent off 58 m), Arias, Palacios, Las Heras (Maldonado), Inostrosa, Veliz (Trujillo), Spedaletti, Ahumada.

**June 29** (play-off at Asunción, Paraguay)

**Independiente (Argentina) (1) 2** (Ruiz Moreno, Bertoni)
**Union Española (Chile) (0) 0**

**Independiente:** Perez, Commisso, Lopez, Sá, Pavoni, Semenewicz, Galvan, Bochini, Balbuena, Ruiz Moreno, Bertoni (Saggioratto).

**Union Española:** Vallejos, Machuca, Maldonado, Gatte, Arias, Palacios, Inostrosa (La Heras), Trujillo, Ahumada, Spedaletti, Veliz.

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**1968:** Estudiantes de La Plata (Argentina)
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**1971:** Nacional (Uruguay)
**1972:** Independiente (Argentina)
**1973:** Independiente (Argentina)
**1974:** Independiente (Argentina)
**1975:** Independiente (Argentina)
(The trophy has been won by Argentina 10 times, Uruguay 4, Brazil 2)

Independiente's Rojas opens the score 30 seconds after the start of the second leg in Buenos Aires, beating Vallejos, while defender Arias (white shirt) fails to reach him in time and team mate Balbuena is close behind.

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# TEAM SPIRIT VITAL FACT

**IT WAS half-time during Juventus' last league match of the season, against Lanerossi Vicenza in Turin's Stadio Municipale. The zebras were 4-0 ahead in a game they needed only draw to take the Italian championship for a record 16th time.**

In the dressing room 33-year-old Dino Zoff, probably the best goalkeeper in Europe, took off his gloves and handed them to his deputy, Massimo Piloni, a 27-year-old who joined Juve in 1969 but hadn't played a game for three seasons.

In fact Piloni has only played 12 first team league games in all for Juventus, first because of Pietro Carmignani, then, of course, because of Zoff. "Better to be a reserve at Juventus than a first-teamer anywhere else," is his philosophy, however, and he'd been content to spend the season on the reserve bench.

Then, at half-time against Vicenza, Zoff handed over the gloves with these words: "Massimo, you play the second half. You've earned it." Piloni took up the gloves, surprised and delighted. Indeed he was halfway towards the pitch when he had second thoughts. As he explained later, he suddenly remembered the 1972 title success, when he had been in goal for the last game. The fans had been allowed to sweep over the pitch at the end and catch the players up on their shoulders in triumph.

Piloni remembered the delirium of victory and then decided that such a finale belonged to one goalkeeper alone. So he forced Zoff to take back the gloves and went to fetch his tracksuit.

"Zoff's a great player and a great personality. It's an honour to be a reserve to him," said Piloni. And so it was Zoff who enjoyed the crowd's adulation. Twice over, in fact. For many fans thought the final whistle had gone when the referee blew for an infringement. The pitch had to be cleared before the official last 180 seconds of Juventus' latest title season could be officially concluded.

### JUVENTUS IN THE UEFA CUP

**First round, first leg (Sept 18): Vorwaerts Frankfurt/Oder 2, Juventus 1.**
Half-time: 1-1. Att: 18,000. Scorers: Schuth, 3, Kreutzig 24—Capello 8.
Team: Zoff; Spinosi, Cuccureddu; Furino, Morini, Scirea; Damiani, Causio, Anastasi, Capello, Bettega.

Second leg (Oct 2): Juventus 3, Vorwaerts 0
Half-time: 2-0. Att: 50,000. Scorers: Anastasi 17, Heyse og 34, Altafini 83.
Team: Zoff; Spinosi, Cuccureddu; Furino, Gentile, Scirea; Damiani, Causio, Anastasi (Altafini 46), Capello, Bettega.

**Juventus qualify 4-2 on agg.**

Second round, first leg (Oct 23): Hibernian 2, Juventus 4
Half-time: 0-1. Att: 40,000. Scorers: Stanton 58, Cropley 64—Gentile 44, Altafini 69 and 87, Cuccureddu 79.
Team: Zoff; Spinosi, Longobucco; Furino, Morini, Scirea; Damiani (Viola 46), Cuccureddu, Anastasi, Gentile, Bettega (Altafini 46).

Second leg (Nov 6): Juventus 4, Hibernian 0
Half-time: 1-0. Att: 27,500. Scorers: Bettega 10, Anastasi 39 and 84, Altafini 74.
Team: Zoff; Gentile, Longobucco; Cuccureddu (A. Marchetti 46), Morini, Scirea; Damiani (Altafini 70), Causio, Anastasi, Capello, Bettega.

**Juventus qualify 8-2 on agg.**

Third round, first leg (Nov 28): Juventus 1, Ajax 0
Half-time: 1-0. Att: 54,025. Scorer: Damiani 19.
Team: Zoff; Gentile, Cuccureddu; Furino, Morini, Scirea; Damiani, Causio, Anastasi, Viola (Capello 65), Bettega (Altafini 46).

Second leg (Dec 11): Ajax 2, Juventus 1
Half-time: 1-0. Scorers: Blankenburg 14, G. Muhren 90—Damiani pen 66.
Team: Zoff; Gentile, Longobucco; Furino, Morini, Scirea; Damiani (Cuccureddu 76), Causio, Altafini, Capello (Viola 89), Bettega.

**Juventus qualify on away goals (2-2 on agg)**

Quarter finals, first leg (Mar 5): Juventus 2, Hamburg 0
Half-time: 2-0. Att: 60,000. Scorers: Capello 3, Viola 12.
Team: Zoff; Cuccureddu, Longobucco; Capello, Gentile, Scirea; Damiani, Causio, Anastasi, Viola, Bettega (Altafini 46).

Second leg (Mar 19): Hamburg 0, Juventus 0
Att: 60,000.
Team: Zoff; Spinosi, Gentile; Furino, Morini, Scirea; Viola, Causio, Anastasi (Altafini 46), Capello, Bettega (Damiani 80).

**Juventus qualify 2-0 on agg.**

Semi finals, first leg (April 9): Twente Enschede 3, Juventus 1
Half-time: 1-0. Att: 22,000. Scorers: Jouring 20, Zuidema 60 and 83—Altafini 63.
Team: Zoff; Spinosi, Longobucco; Furino, Morini, Scirea; Viola, Causio, Anastasi, Capello (Cuccureddu 46), Bettega (Altafini 46).

Second leg (April 23): Juventus 0, Twente 1
Half-time: 0-1. Att: 60,000. Scorer: Zuidema 10.
Team: Zoff; Gentile, Cuccureddu; Capello, Morini, Scirea; Bettega (Longobucco 72), Causio, Anastasi, Viola, Altafini (Damiani 46).

**Juventus beaten 4-1 on agg.**

### ITALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP SUCCESSES

1905: Six teams took part in regional eliminators in three groups, followed by play-offs both home and away between group winners:
Juventus 6 pts, Genoa 5, Milanese 1.
Team: Durante; Armano, Mazzia; Waltz, Goccione, Dimest; Barberis, Varetto, Forlano, Squair, Donna.

1926: Champions of the Northern League v champions of the Southern League.
Juventus beat Alba (Rome) 12-1 on agg (Juve trainer Karoly died three days before the second leg).
Team: Combi; Rosetta, Allemandi; Grabbi, Viola, Bigatto (Menghetti); Munerati, Vojak, Pastore, Hirzer, Torriani.

1931: First Division: p 34, w 25, d 5, l 4, for 79, agst 37, pts 55
Team: Combi; Rosetta, Caligaris; Varglien II (Barale), Varglien I, Mosca; Munerati, Cesarini, Vecchina, Ferrari, Orsi.

1932: p 34, w 24, d 6, l 4, for 89, agst 38, pts 54
Team: Combi; Rosetta, Caligaris (Ferrero); Varglien I, Monti, Bertolini; Munerati, Cesarini, Vecchina, Ferrari, Orsi.

1933: p 34, w 25, d 4, l 5, for 83, agst 22, pts 54
Team: Combi; Rosetta, Caligaris; Varglien I, II, Ferrari, Orsi.

1934: p 34, w 23, d 7, l 4, for 88, agst 31, pts 53
Team: Combi; Rosetta, Caligaris; Varglien I, Monti, Bertolini; Sernagiotto, Cesarini (Varglien II), Borel II, Ferrari, Orsi (Mihalic).

1935: p 30, w 18, d 8, l 4, for 45, agst 22, pts 44
Team: Valinasso; Rosetta, Foni (Caligaris); Varglien I, Monti, Bertolini; Varglien II (Diena II), Serantoni, Borel II (Gabetto), Ferrari, Orsi (Cesarini).

1950: p 38, w 28, d 6, l 4, for 100, agst 43, pts 62
Team: Viola; Bertuccelli, Manente; Mari, Parola, Piccinini; Muccinelli, Martino, Boniperti, John Hansen, Praest.

1952: p 38, w 26, d 8, l 4, for 98, agst 34, pts 60
Team: Viola; Bertuccelli, Manente; Mari, Ferrario (Parola), Piccinini; Muccinelli, Karl Hansen, Boniperti, John Hansen, Praest.

1958: p 34, w 23, d 5, l 6, for 77, agst 44, pts 51
Team: Mattrel; Corradi, Garzena; Emoli, Ferrario, Colombo; Nicole (Stivanello), Boniperti, Charles, Siveri, Stacchini.

1960: p 34, w 25, d 5, l 4, for 92, agst 33, pts 55
Team: Vavassori (Mattrel); Garzena (Castano), Sarti; Emoli, Cervato, Colombo; Nicole, Boniperti, Charles, Siveri, Stacchini.

1961: p 34, w 22, d 5, l 7, for 80, agst 42, pts 49
Team: Vavassori; Castano (Burgnich), Sarti; Leoncini (Emoli), Cervato, Colombo; Mora, Boniperti, Charles, Siveri, Stacchini (Nicole).

1967: p 34, w 18, d 13, l 3, for 44, agst 19, pts 49
Team: Anzolin; Gori (Sarti), Leoncini; Bercellino, Castano, Salvadore; Zigoni (Favalli), del Sol, de Paoli, Chinesinho, Menichelli.

1972: p 30, w 17, d 9, l 4, for 48, agst 24, pts 43
Team: Carmignani (Piloni); Spinosi, G. Marchetti; Furino, Morini, Salvadore; Bettega, Causio, Anastasi, Capello, Haller.

1973: p 30, w 18, d 9, l 3, for 45, agst 22, pts 45
Team: Zoff; Spinosi, G. Marchetti, Furino, Morini, Salvadore; Causio, Cuccureddu, Anastasi (Altafini), Capello, Bettega (Haller).

1975: p 30, w 18, d 7, l 5, for 49, agst 19, pts 43
Team: Zoff; Gentile, Cuccureddu; Furino, Morini, Scirea; Damiani, Causio, Anastasi, Capello, Bettega.

### JUVENTUS IN EUROPE

1958-59 Champions' Cup:
3-1 0-7 v Wiener SK
1959-60
1960-61 Champions' Cup:
2-0 1-4 v CDNA Sofia
1961-62 Champions' Cup:
2-1 1-1 v Panathinaikos
5-0 2-1 v Partizan Belgrade
1-0 0-1 1-3 v Real Madrid (q f)
1962-63
1963-64 Fairs Cup:
2-1 1-2 1-0 v Red Star Belgrade
1-0 2-1 v Atletico Madrid
2-3 0-0 v Zaragoza (q f)
1964-65 Fairs Cup:
1-0 1-0 v Union St Gilloise
0-0 1-0 v Stade Francais
1-1 1-1 2-1 v Lok. Plovdiv
bye (q f)
1-3 3-1 3-1 v Atletico Madrid (s f)
0-1 v Ferencvaros (final in Turin)
1965-66 Cup-winners' Cup:
1-0 0-2 v Liverpool
1966-67 Fairs Cup:
5-0 2-0 v Aris Salonika
3-1 2-0 v Vitoria Setubal
3-0 0-1 v Dundee Utd
2-2 0-3 v Dynamo Zagreb (q f)
1967-68 Champions' Cup:
0-0 2-0 v Olympiakos Piraeus
1-0 0-0 v Rapid Bucharest
2-3 1-0 1-0 v Eintracht Braunschweig (q f)
0-2 0-1 v Benfica (s f)
1968-69 Fairs Cup:
2-0 2-0 v Lausanne
0-0 0-1 v Eintracht Frankfurt
1969-70 Fairs Cup: 3-1 2-1 v Lok. Plovdiv
0-1 3-2 v Vitoria Setubal
1970-71 Fairs Cup:
7-0 4-0 v Rumelange
2-1 2-1 v Barcelona
1-0 2-0 v Pecs Dozsa
2-0 2-2 v Twente (q f)
1-0 1-2 v Koln (s f)
2-2 1-1 v Leeds (two-leg final; lost on away goals
1971-72 UEFA Cup:
6-0 5-0 v Marsa
1-1 2-0 v Aberdeen
1-0 4-1 v Rapid Vienna
1-1 1-2 v Wolves (q f)
1972-73 Champions' Cup:
0-1 3-0 v Marseille
1-0 1-0 v Magdeburg
0-0 2-2 v Ujpest (q f)
3-1 0-0 v Derby (s f)
0-1 v Ajax (final in Belgrade)
1973-74 Champions' Cup:
0-2 3-2 v Dynamo Dresden
1974-75 UEFA Cup:
1-2 3-0 v Vorwaerts
4-2 4-0 v Hibernian
1-0 1-2 v Ajax
2-0 0-0 v Hamburg (q f)
1-3 0-1 v Twente (s f)
Overall: p 97, w 54, d 18, l 25, for 156, agst 89

# A four page dossier on Italian league champions

# JUVENTUS

## presented by Keir Radnedge

Piloni, therefore, doesn't get a mention on our appearance list. He did win a prize however, from the Juventus fan club in Milan. They instituted a new award, the *premio panchina*, or reserve's trophy, and Piloni was its first winner. Indeed, he's become a mascot to the rest of the team, as well, and maybe that prize will make him think again about another of his sayings: "Fans never remember the mascots, only the players who are out there."

That vignette illustrates perfectly the greatest strength Juventus possess: club spirit. They have 16 top players but by and large they manage to keep them happy —unlike deposed champions Lazio, who scuppered their chances of retaining the title with a host of personality clashes which destroyed morale.

### Complex

Juve's only problem player has been 27-year-old Pietro Anastasi. Ever since the signing in 1972 of Jose Altafini, Anastasi has been dogged once more by his own inferiority complex. His tag as the world's most expensive player, after Juve paid £500,000 for him seven years ago, had been a heavy enough burden.

Then, just when it seemed he had shaken that off, along came Altafini. The season before last manager Cestmir Vycpalek regularly replaced Anastasi with Altafini at half-time and the Italian international walked out on one occasion just before a match. Another time he missed training. And this season he had to be sent on holiday in mid season to Spain—starting all sorts of rumours—to recover his self confidence.

That did the trick, for a while, at least. On his return Anastasi came on as substitute against Lazio and scored three goals in the last seven minutes to secure a 4-0 win. Then, with the league over, he hit another treble in a Cup game against Bologna.

But while Zoff, Altafini and Anastasi are old hands when it comes to success, there is one man in the Juventus side whom you may not have heard of . . . yet.

**His name is Gaetano Scirea, he's 22, and looks set for as long a reign as his predecessor as sweeper, Sandro Salvadore.**

Salvadore, signed from AC Milan in 1962 in exchange for winger Bruno Mora, had slowed down too much to hold his place, new coach Carletto Parola decided last summer. What Juventus needed was a bit more speed. Accordingly, he also intended to cast out 31-year-old stopper Francesco Morini, switching 25-year-old former Roma right back Luciano Spinosi into the centre of defence as partner for newcomer Scirea.

Unfortunately Spinosi broke an ankle early in the season and Morini played 25 of the 30 league games. But the honours went to Scirea. He had made his league debut in 1972-73 with Atalanta of Bergamo, playing 18 games in midfield and scoring once. The club were relegated but the following year he played 38 games and was a revelation as sweeper, soon being compared with Franz Beckenbauer for his daring sorties upfield—daring, that is, for Italy.

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Flashback to the 1973 European Cup semi-final tie between Juventus and Derby County . . . Pietro Anastasi challenges Archie Gemmill.

**JUVENTUS IN THE COPPA ITALIA**
**Winners on five occasions: 1938, 1942, 1959, 1960, 1965.**

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1-0 4-1 v Rapid Vienna
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# JUVENTUS DOSSIER CONT

# POOR

Giuseppe Furino.

Parola saw Scirea as the ideal man to revitalise Juventus and bring a breath of fresh air to a *Calcio* stung to a new round of bitter self-analysis after the World Cup fiasco.

For many of us, this recalled the revolution Heriberto Herrera tried to introduce ten years ago. He wanted to impose an open 4-2-4 on Juventus. The result was the bust-up which saw erstwhile idol Enrique Omar Sivori transferred to Napoli, HH2 revise his opinions and go back to *catenaccio*, and, ultimately in 1967, the championship.

This time, the experiment met with more immediate success, though Scirea of course isn't allowed anything like Beckenbauer's freedom. Still, he does have the speed and technique to take a far more constructive role than Salvadore and his 28 league games also earned a place in the Italian squad for the traumatic end-of-season visits to Finland and Russia. His importance as a sharp new springboard for attack also had a lot to do with Juventus' away successes—the key to their championship.

Juve—a rare tactic indeed—generally looked for a chance to win their away games and though their more open style brought four victories it also saw them to five defeats.

But their away record overall was what made the ultimate difference from closest rivals Napoli—who won only one away game! Napoli did finish as the season's top scorers, with 50 goals, one ahead of Juve, but the new champions would have beaten this had their 6-2 win in Napoli's Fuorigrotta counted.

## Trouble

Instead, spectator trouble meant that the result was cancelled and Juve had to make do with a 2-0 win awarded by the league's disciplinary machine. Napoli, in fact, lost only three games altogether and won 13 home games compared with Juve's 11. The zebras didn't even finish with the best defensive record. Nils Liedholm's remarkably rejuvenated Roma conceded only 15, as against 19. But at least if you watched only Juve's home games, you saw only three goals put past Dino Zoff, and you never saw a defeat.

That Napoli game wasn't the only victory, *a tavolino*. The 2-1 victory in San Siro against Milan was also improved to 2-0 after the fire crackers storm which ended in Anastasi being carried off and fighting among rival fans.

**Yet strangely, Juve made their worst start to the season for 36 years! It was that long since they last lost an opening match. In 1939 they went down 4-0 to Ambrosiana later. This time they were beaten 2-1 by Bologna after Antonello Cuccureddu missed a penalty. And strangely it had been thanks to a Cuccureddu penalty that Juventus started the previous season with a win—2-1 against Foggia.**

When Spinosi then fell awkwardly, unchallenged, in the game against Sampdoria, and broke his ankle, the championship seemed a dream away. Yet Juventus started to pick up. A goal five minutes from time by Franco Causio brought a 1-0 win at Cesena and Fabio Capello got a rare goal on December 1 in the 1-0 victory over troubled Internazionale at San Siro. A 78,100 crowd paid a record £187,000 to see Juve carry off both points aided by a dreadful miss from Roberto Boninsegna.

A week later came the Turin derby—a 0-0 draw, with Juve held at bay by 23-year-old Antonio Pigino, thrown in at the deep end for his league debut! Another late Causio goal beat Cagliari after Zoff stopped a penalty from one-time Inter striker Sergio Gori, and then came another receipts record.

## Stadium

Some 80,000 paid £220,000 to see Lazio win 1-0 in Rome's Olympic stadium thanks to an own goal by Scirea and when Guiseppe Damiani for once missed a penalty in the 0-0 home draw with Fiorentina it seemed Juve were cracking up.

Came another victory in San Siro, and then they faltered again. Causio was sent off for retaliation in a 1-1 home draw with Sampdoria and Giuseppe Furino collected a further booking which meant suspension. Francesco Morini put through his own goal when Roma beat Juve 1-0 and put *another* past Zoff in the 1-1 draw at Cagliari—a game Altafini pulled out of the fire with a goal only a minute from time.

Altafini in fact, is fourth only to Silvio Piola, Gunnar Nordahl and Giuseppe Meazza in the league all-time scorers' list and he got another in the 4-0 win over Lazio which signalled Anastasi's resurrection.

Torino took both points from Juventus in the derby return—an 88th-minute goal from Renato Zaccarelli bringing a 3-2 defeat—and a Furino own goal started the rot in the penultimate game, lost 4-1 in Florence.

Napoli had been making their own silly mistakes as well though and Juve could do no wrong against already relegated Vicen-

Luciano Spinosi.

za in the last match. That game, by the wa was Zoff's 94th league appearance f Juventus and his 408th overall since h debut with Udinese in 1961-62. He play 40 games there, 131 with Mantova, th 143 with, ironically . . . Napoli.

In that time he's also won 41 caps f Italy and in fact Juventus have featur more Italian internationals—96—than a other club.

One of the latest is Tripoli-born rig back Claudio Gentile. In 1973-74 Genti 21, ex-Varese like Anastasi, played league games—his first in Serie A. This ti he played 29 and looks set for a long st in the Azzurri too.

He's fast and ruthless, with an eye f the long pass and is equally adept on t left or in the centre of defence. It was l promise for the future which persuad Parola to switch Spinosi and trans Gianpietro Marchetti to Atalanta.

That, and the knowledge that Cuccureddu Juve have a man who can pl anywhere—including full back. Cuccured was introduced in 1969-70, when he w only 20, and had completed 102 games

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# START

mostly in midfield—before the season began. To this he added another 27, with two goals to put with his previous 12, most of them from the penalty spot.

Also at full back there's Silvio Longobucco (24), quick of temper, and who had been expecting the Marcehtti transfer to bring a first guarantee of regular soccer since his Juve debut four years and 38 games before. Instead, he only filled in for seven games, plus two as substitute.

Even so he was the centre of a court action after a punch-up with Milan's Duino Gorin in the Battle of the Fireworks, and was then involved in another fracas with Inter's Galbiati. That was in the end-of-season 1-0 Cup defeat—Juve's first home beating by an Italian side since Torino beat them 2-0 in the league back on March 4, 1973.

## Strength

**So much for defence. In midfield too Juve have all-round strength. First comes Giuseppe Furino, the tough 29-year-old who gets all the commissions whenever there's a particular opponent to close mark. He's 29 now, but played 28 games last season, providing the steel to back up the somewhat more languid skills of 29-year-old Capello.**

Juventus' schemer-in-chief made his first division debut with Spal in 1963-64 when he was only 17. He played 40 games (three goals) in all for them, then 62 (11 goals) for Roma and has now totalled 138 for the champions. He's also been a regular member of the Azzurri for some time, but may find his place in jeopardy after the overnight illness which kept him out of the Italy-Poland European Championship clash shortly before the UEFA Cup return with Twente Enschede.

Alongside him are two lieutenants who can serve as drones or out-and-out attackers according to the state of the game. One is Causio (26), who joined from Palermo five years ago, and his six goals in 28 games were some consolation after a poor showing in the World Cup. He's fast and clever, but sometimes overdoes the individualism. Still, his resilience was welcome during that early phase when little seemed to be going right.

The other man sharing the cut-and-cover role is Roberto Bettega, a 25-year-old born (unusual this, for Juventus) in Turin. He scored ten goals in 14 games in 1971-72 on his debut to earn accolades as the "new Kurt Hamrin". In fact Bettega would rather play in midfield than up front and though Parola would be happy to accommodate this wish in a couple of years' time, it could be a bit of an embarrassment at the moment. Juventus will need all the penetration they can get in attack in the Champions' Cup.

Also there's 24-year-old Fernando Viola to cover in midfield—another Turin boy and a sharp one too. The adept way he's built up an agency to take care of his colleagues' advertising and publicity contracts proves that!

In attack of course there's Anastasi, and Altafini—the former Palmeiras, Milan and—ironically again—Napoli, spearhead. He's scored 214 league goals in all since Milan signed him after the 1958 World Cup, when he appeared for Brazil under the Nickname Mazzola.

Altafini scored eight times this past season in his 19 appearances—ten of them as substitute—at an age of 38 which makes him something of an antique in a league where you're a newcomer at 25 and past it at 28.

But there is one more goalscorer who could make a name for himself in Europe next term. His name is Giuseppe Damiani (25) and, yet again, though Juventus picked him up last summer from Vicenza, he had previously failed with Napoli. Eight goals in 27 games with Juve were almost enough to take him into the Italian national team and, though he hasn't quite made it, he at least has the satisfaction of having established himself as his club's penalty king, with six goals from seven attempts.

## Defeat

In all then, 15 players to win the title. And though they do deserve plenty of credit, one man whose role has been understated is coach Carletto Parola, now 54. The former Italian international, who played 311 games for Juventus and faced Great Britain with the Rest of Europe at Hampden in 1947, is in his second spell in charge.

He it was who led Juve to the title in 1961 and steered them then to the quarter finals of the Champions' Cup. They had beaten Panathinaikos and Partizan Belgrade before facing Real Madrid. In the first leg in Turin Juve went down to a 1-0 defeat through Alfredo di Stefano's goal, but shocked Europe by reversing the score in Chamartin—Real's first European home defeat.

**The play-off was in the old Parc des Princes. But it was the swansong of the fine Sivori-Charles team and, despite having plenty of the game, they went down 3-1. Many felt that had it not been for Sivori's aversion to flying, they would have given a much better account of themselves. As it was they suffered from a tiring train journey up to Paris on the eve of the match.**

Still, that was at least a better European venture than their first, in 1958-59, when Juventus beat Wiener SK 3-1 at home and then went down 7-0 in Vienna!

Francesco Morini.

The club's hegemony in Italy hides the fact that their European record is not particularly impressive—even though they haven't missed a year since 1963. They lost the 1965 Fairs Cup Final 1-0 to Ferencvaros in Turin, and then, most unluckily, the 1971 final to Leeds on away goals. In 1968 Benfica beat them home and away in the Champions' Cup semi-finals, and when they did make the final, in 1973, were overwhelmed by Ajax far more comprehensively than the 1-0 scoreline suggests.

The UEFA Cup was the summit of their ambition this past season, and again their hopes were ended by defeat both home and away in the semi-final—Twente Enschede taking revenge for defeat in 1970-71.

That failure does not augur well for the new Champions' Cup challenge, especially remembering how Twente were in turn annihilated by Borussia Moenchengladbach. President Giampiero Boniperti—he took over in 1971, having played 444 league games for Juventus on the right wing, at centre forward and in midfield—wants a new star striker. But it would probably take at least two or three class players to lift them among the realistic contenders.

## Gamble

Bologna's Giuseppe Savoldi, who scored 15 goals last season, is on the wanted list and there has been much talk—as usual—about Gigi Riva. Still, every summer there is talk of Riva. And, after his injury problems, I can hardly imagine Juventus taking such an expensive gamble. As time goes by it becomes more and more clear that the big clubs are only interested in Riva to *prevent anyone else getting him*. To miss out would be a blow to prestige.

The power at Juventus is still wielded by the Fiat brothers, Gianni and Umberto Agnelli. Was it merely wishful thinking when Gianni greeted the abrupt retirement of Rivera thus: "I wish he'd come to us 12 years ago. His style would have been ideal."?

Perhaps Agnelli had forgotten that in those days Sivori ruled the roost.

Juventus were founded in 1897 as Juventus Sports Club and started playing in red—not the famous black and white stripes. Those shirts, specially ordered, didn't arrive from Nottingham until a little later. The founders were students

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## ANDREW DETTRE reports from Australia

# Abonyi plays for Docherty and scores

**NEWLY-CROWNED Scottish champions Glasgow Rangers failed to impress on their recent Australian tour. Apart from some indifferent results against State teams (which included a defeat in Perth), they won 2-1 and lost 0-1 against an Australian XI which was, as usual, hastily assembled and decked out with little more than a hope and a prayer. Despite the boisterous and sometimes colourful presence of expatriate Scots, Rangers badly failed to make an impression and were superior only in the field of physical fitness and sheer power.**

Much more impressive were Manchester United, making their second visit to the Antipodes since 1967. Although their present team lacked the stars of that classic side, they went about their business of demolishing a fatigued Australia 4-0 with ruthless Docherty efficiency.

Docherty himself, however, was captivated by the supreme skill of a Sydney player Attila Abonyi, 28, whom he saw, of all places, in an impromptu "foot-tennis" match. Abonyi, until last year a regular international, withdrew from the Australian team because his business commitments (chief cutter with a large tailoring outfit) prevented him from going into camp for ten days or so.

Docherty invited Abonyi to be United's guest player in the match against Queensland in Brisbane and the Hungarian-born fragile wizard happily obliged. What's more he laid on the first goal and scored the third in United's 3-0 win, prompting Docherty to approach him with a tentative contract. However, it's unlikely that the scintillating Abonyi would end up at Old Trafford because of England's migration and labour laws and so his club, St. George — Budapest, will miss out on what could have been the largest transfer fee in Australian history.

### Depressed

While the results of the Australian team against the visiting Brits neither exhilarated nor depressed the fans, the failure to start building a young team for the future received plenty of criticism. Several veteran players like goalkeeper Reilly, full-back Utjesenovic and mid-fielders Rooney, Mackay and Richards were once again included in the team whereas it's most unlikely that they would be counted on for the 1977 World Cup elimination series.

One new star was born, 24-year-old Aboriginal full-back Harry Williams, Australian soccer's Evonne Goolagong, a slim, earnest looking fellow with more natural ability than perhaps any other Australian-born figure. Having seen recently quite a number of international and club matches in various parts of Europe I am convinced that Williams would walk into almost all teams and, on the fast inflating West German market, for example, where an ordinary Danner is rated at $350,000, his value would be inestimable. As a matter of coincidence, Williams also plays for St. George — Budapest, Abonyi's club.

**Williams will have plenty of further opportunities for proving his class because three more teams are due to pay visits to Australia in the next months: the Portuguese Benfica, the Greek PAOK and the Soviet national side disguised in the shape of UEFA Cup winners Kiev Dynamo. Benfica, once the toast of Europe, could be a very disappointing proposition as many of their stars, fed up with the continuing political turmoil in Lisbon, are getting ready to quit team and country. Simoes, Humberto, Jordao, Bento, Toni, Messias, Henrique and even the great Eusebio may be gone by the time Benfica arrive in Australia; how do you say "ersatz" in Portuguese?**

The Soviets, on the other hand, should be terrific crowd-pleasers if they can repeat their recent performances after which experts rated them as perhaps the best club side in Europe at the moment, something the fans of Bayern, Monchengladbach, Real Madrid and even Leeds would dispute. PAOK could be the best financial proposition, not because of their class but because of the half a million or so Greek migrants now living in Australia.

By the time these three teams arrive, Australia should have a "new" national coach — in the person of the old hand Rale Rasic, reappointed for the part-time post. Rasic, a talented and astute soccer brain, had some spectacular clashes with the Australian Federation after last year's World Cup. Never the one to be too circumspect with his criticism, Rasic blasted the ASF for their petty bureaucratic ways as well as allegedly breaking a verbal deal regarding Rasic's honoraria.

The public row and threats flowed freely for months between Rasic and ASF president Sir Arthur George and anybody not too familiar with the peculiar nature of Australian soccer would have been convinced that the two men would never even talk to each other again.

The ASF promptly began to adver for the position worldwide and Ra started to cool down. When appl tions closed, with a disappointing res the ASF developed second thoug about the value of the outspoken Ra the talented devil they know as agai the motley unknowns they don't. Ra now almost certain to take over national team again on a part-time b (he is manager-coach of Sydney c Pan Hellenic) will have as his assis former Australian captain Johnny W ren, now manager of St. Geo (Sydney). I know that leopards d change their spots but, together w others, hope that Rasic will learn to with the system — even if that sys is a rather amateurish one.

Finally something about the Natio League, the great "it's-on-it's-off" p thing of Australian soccer. Afte burst of initial enthusiasm in A when eight clubs signed up for venture and deposited an initial e fee of $5,000, the project seems to suffering from an overdose of bur cratic attention. The initiative of and clubs involved has been stifled the appointment of almost innumer "committees" to discuss the proposi and report to their State and Austra federations.

The Australian Federation, which year tried to launch the National Le into orbit (but failed to receive single application) has decided to a paternalistic view and insist that new League be established by them fully within their own shaky fra work.

There is still a remote chance the National League will becom reality though it seems impossible it could start operations in 1976 planned. If this is to be somet vastly superior to the existing S Leagues, a kind of Down Under mix of the American razzamatazz an genuine European football league, inordinate amount of planning work must be done before the first is kicked.

# Saint Etienne show promise

## Andre Duclos reports from France

**THE coming season holds out promise for Saint Etienne but considerably less for France. That point dropped in Iceland seems to condemn us to elimination from the European Championship, though we may still, ironically, hold the final balance: between East Germany and Belgium. We have to play in East Germany, who drew 2-2 in Paris, thwarted by those two late goals from Gallice, but the Belgians, in December, are obliged to play the last match of the group, in Paris.**

Reverting to that ill starred European Cup Final, there is clearly no excuse for the savagery of a minority of Leeds United supporters, smashing seats and raining them down on the pitch, but the French Press was as severe as anybody on the inept refereeing of M. Michel Kitabdjian. Another justifiable criticism was of the outwardly green but actually disastrous surface of the Parc des Princes. Give us time and we shall hope to get that right. It is just so terribly unfortunate that this, the twentieth final of a Cup conceived in France, should have fallen at such a moment. Not least when, as I think you will agree, the stadium itself is such a splendid one.

Some time next season, in fact, the Parc will close for six months to enable the pitch to be treated and re-laid; probably in March. This is obviously a blow to Paris Saint-Germain, who have done so well this year, so much to revivify the game in Paris, but there is plainly no alternative. Incidentally, our Cup Final, in mid-June, was refereed by M. Robert Helies, the linesman who persuaded M. Kitabdjian to change his mind over Peter Lorimer's goal. M. Kitabdjian is the French number one at the moment, but it was decided that as he had refereed the European Final, he should not have the French Cup Final, too. It was made clear that this did not reflect the incidents which took place in the European Final.

### Too much faith

As for the ever controversial Stefan Kovacs, Rumanian manager of our international team, he lost friends when he announced that he had been wrong to place too much faith in the French players. Since he took over, France have played 12 matches, won five, drawn three and lost four, scoring eighteen goals against thirteen.A balance which is susceptible to a large variety of interpretations.

One of the most pungent critics of the monotony of British football, Daniel Jeandupeux of Zurich and Switzerland, is coming to play in France. The outside-left, who writes his own column every week in a Lausanne newspaper, has in fact signed for Bordeaux. As a French speaker, he should have few problems of adjustment. Jeandupeux has the reputation of often being brilliant in Switzerland, but being considerably less effective, away.

He has been compared with a hand operated telephone, which needs vigorous winding, but will then make immediate contact. His forays down the wing can be devastating, but inevitably it needs time, to vary the metaphor, for him to recharge his batteries. Jeandupeux follows in the footsteps of such other Swiss stars as the forwards Philippe Pottier and Norbert Eschmann, the gifted defender Chapuisat. Funnily enough, the splendidly talented Eschmann, who played a very pure kind of football, is now writing for the very Lausanne paper, 24 HOURS, to which Jeandupeux contributes. Given the right support at Bordeaux, Jeandupeux can be expected to do well, and to score some spectacular goals.

**One of our most interesting managerial figures is unquestionably Robert Herbin, red haired young manager of the Champion team Saint Etienne, injured and limping when he played against England at Wembley in the World Cup of 1966. Herbin had some very interesting things to say after the European Cup Final. He said, for example, that while Terry Yorath deserved to be sent off for his foul on Andersson, it took place so early in the game that the punishment would have been disproportionate, suggesting that some intermediate sanction should be imposed, as in ice hockey with its "sin bin".**

Bereta's case is obviously still a subject of controversy in French football, especially after his great success with Marseille, and the palpable effect of his absence when Saint Etienne played Bayern in the semi-finals of the European Cup. But as you would expect, Herbin is not budging on that. "Georges Bereta was not sold because of the way he was playing but because of the nature of his commitment to the club. A player must be retained if he shows the wish to be, and where his contract is reaching an end. My theory is that a player who has shown a serious attitude towards his responsibilities can play at the highest level till he is 35. Saint Etienne is neither a factory nor a laboratory. Here, we mould the players, we don't fabricate them."

Which seems to raise more questions than it solves, for Bereta always seemed, over his long years with Saint Etienne, a model professional, and a great influence for good on the team as a whole. It is still arguable that the root of the matter was Herbin's fear, as a very young manager, that his authority was somehow threatened by the presence of such a strong and highly respected personality as that of Bereta; even though, as he says, the young Larios slipped into the team with great ease and success.


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# FINE DOUBLE IN EUROPE FOR GERMANY

**THE WEST GERMAN season ended in mid-June on a high note, with the popular Borussia Mönchengladbach winning the championship and the UEFA Cup, Eintracht Frankfurt retaining the DFB Cup, and Bayern Munich holding on to the European Champions Cup. Add to this the successful national team, who are poised to win the European Championship qualifying group, to enter the quarter-finals quite comfortably, and the cosy picture is nearly complete.**

As a final touch one must include the highly encouraging statistics, which show that attendances have again risen last season and were in fact the best in the *Bundesliga* for eight years!

A total of 6,600,084 fans watched the championship matches, for an average of

Gerd Muller.

## by Arthur Rotmil

21,569 per game. In 1966-67 the absolute record was established with 7,129,485 (av. 23,266). As compared to last season, the *Bundesliga* registered an increase of 319,139 paying customers.

The greatest crowds flocked to Schalke's Parkstadion in Gelsenkirchen. The grand total of 651,683 gave this famous club the best average of 38,329 fans per match. The receipts incidentally amounted to a staggering £1.2 million! And this despite Schalke finishing only seventh. The biggest rise was reported by Hertha Berlin, who counted 8,152 fans more per each match' than last term! Hertha were appropriately enough the only side unbeaten at home.

Despite the poor placing (10th) Bayern Munich still reached almost the same average as last year: 34,230 as against 34,308. But Bayern remain the top drawing card, for in 17 visits the European Cup holders were watched on average by 41,300 spectators! Next came the champions Borussia Mönchengladbach, whose away average reached 37,600.

### Attendances

All told, 18 games drew attendances of over 50,000. The season's record crowds turned out at these matches: Hertha v. Borussia Mönchengladbach 84,108; Hertha v. Bayern Munich 81,732; Tennis Borussia v. Hertha 74,146; Schalke v. Bayern 70,560. These four clubs registered the best average gates (last year's figures in brackets):

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| Schalke ... ... ... | 38,329 (38,743) |
| Hertha Berlin ... ... | 36,955 (28,803) |
| Bayern ... ... ... | 34,230 (34,308) |
| Hamburger SV ... ... | 31,433 (24,086) |

Nine out of sixteen clubs (the two promoted teams are excluded), have improved their attendances since last term.

A wave of publicity has also accompanied the astonishing managerial roundabout, just as the season was drawing to a close. As I already reported, Hennes Weisweiler, who guided Mönchengladbach to their third *Bundesliga* title and the UE Cup triumph, has left for Barcelona and place was taken by the ex-Bayern boss U Lattek. The controversial Max Mer departed from 1860 Munich to take o at Schalke, whose coach Ivica Hor moved to neighbouring Rot-weiss Ess who should have been managed by Latt

**But one manager who has survived threatened chop was Dettmar Cramer Bayern Munich. It appears that the had already negotiated with the fam Austrian-born Max Merkel, when the vict in the European Cup over Leeds cau the management to change its mind and decided to retain Cramer after all.**

But Bayern are nevertheless cont plating other personnel changes. It have escaped general notice that some the established stars are growing old this applies particularly to their key m At their next birthday, goalkeeper S Maier and defender Johnny Hansen be 32, while Beckenbauer, Müller and R are all approaching 30!

### Rebuilding

There is little doubt, that the Bavari must now start rebuilding and rejuvena the side to avoid the problem which ca previous European Cup winners, Real Madrid, Benfica, Inter-Milan Manchester United to collapse from age. Bayern will also be some consider time without their Swedish World defender Björn Andersson, who was be injured in the European Cup final, and to have an immediate operation on knee.

Fortunately Bayern's stalwart Fr Roth (29) was persuaded to extend contract for another year, so that player will be leaving Munich. Bayern h been looking at Borussia Mönchengl bach's midfield star Dietmar Danner, have signed instead the Danish internatio Kjeld Seneca (23), who plays for Austrian side Sturm Graz, for 400, Marks (£72,000).

The European champions have expressed interest in Leeds Uniteds Scot international centre forward Joe Jor and offered 1 million Marks (£180,0 but this was rejected by the English c

Bayern Munich players after their European Cup Final victory over Leeds United.

who demanded £330,000. The German bid would have broken the transfer record, but Leeds' figure was not even considered, especially when Bayern discovered that Jordan had only scored four League goals last season.

Two of Bayern's famous stars hit the headlines with totally different exploits: The celebrated striker Gerd Müller scored a hat-trick inside five minutes (!) in the *Bundesliga* match against Fortuna Dusseldorf, which Bayern lost by the incredible score of 5-6! Just four days later Müller again scored—but this time it was an own goal(!) during Bayern's lightning visit to Brazil, where they lost 0-1 by that goal to Fluminense.

## Successive

**Bayern's goalkeeper Sepp Maier has established this incredible record: Since August 20, 1966, that is to say in nine years, Maier has played in every Bundesliga match, knocking up a total of 306 successive games! The popular Sepp, of whom captain Franz Beckenbauer says "he is the greatest goalkeeper in the world", proudly holds another record which may never be equalled, of never having been on the losing side in a Cup final and that includes finals at all the highest levels of football.**

Maier was on the victorious side in a World Cup final (1974), in a European Championship final (1972), in three European Champions Cup finals (twice in 1974 and once in 1975), once in a Cup Winners' Cup final (1967), and in four German Cup finals (1966, 1967, 1969 and 1971).

In fact Maier's club Bayern also boast of never having lost a final: They won the all-German national championship final (1932), the German Cup five times (1957, 1966, 1967, 1969 and 1971), three European Cup finals (two in 1974 and one in 1975) and the Cup Winners Cup final (1967).

For the newly crowned champions Borussia Mönchengladbach there are no problems of playing personnel. New manager Udo Luttek was delighted to hear that Danner will be staying on, but even more over the decision of Jupp Heynckes to extend his contract for another three years. Heynckes, now 30, will thus end his career in Gladbach. He emerged once again as the *Bundesliga* top goal scorer.

## Title

Last season Heynckes shared the title of chief marksman with Gerd Müller—both on 30 goals. This time the prolific "Jupp" (diminutive for Josef), ran out a clear winner with 27 goals. He was followed by the new scoring sensation Dieter Müller (Cologne) on 24, and the redoubtable Gerd Müller (Bayern) with 23.

There was also jubilation in Frankfurt, following the fine victory in the Cup final of Eintracht Frankfurt over MSV Duisburg. Before a crowd of 43,000, who endured tropical temperatures and a tropical cloudburst, at the Niedersachsenstadion in Hannover, Frankfurt's young international "libero" Karl-Heinz Korbel scored the only goal in the 58th minute for a 1-0 win.

It was yet another splendid final which drew superlatives in the German Press. Both sides demonstrated the arts and crafts of modern soccer and the outcome was in doubt till the last moments. The best man on the field was Frankfurt's celebrated World Cup star and captain Jurgen Grabowski, whose intelligent and skilful play was instrumental in Eintracht retaining the trophy, which they won for the first time last year.

## Lethal attack

It was a marvellous season for Frankfurt, who by finishing third in the *Bundesliga* equalled their highest placing (3rd also in 1964), and made a net profit of £180,000. Eintracht boast the most lethal attack in the League, with 89 goals in 34 matches (champions Borussia Mg. 86), but although their home record was identical to that of the Gladbacher, their away performances did not match those of the champion team.

For Duisburg there was consolation of gaining a place in the UEFA Cup—a rather unusual way of rewarding Germany's beaten Cup finalists! They are joined by Hertha (2nd), Hamburger SV (4th) and Cologne (5th). With Frankfurt in the Cup Winners Cup and Borussia Mg. plus Bayern (as holders), in the Champions Cup, Germany has its strongest ever numerical representation totalling seven clubs.

# WHAT TH

## Johan Cruyff

*I WAS once asked which man has influenced my career most of all. Well, the answer to this one is simple—Rinus Michels. We were together for over six years at Ajax, a relationship which started when I was only eighteen and ended in Holland, following our first European Cup Final triumph four years ago over Panathinaikos at Wembley.*

*Then, of course, several years later, Rinus launched me on my new career in Spain with Barcelona by persuading me to leave Holland.*

*What I particularly admire about Rinus is the way he approaches the matter of discipline. Sure, he's a stern disciplinarian, but at the same time always a fair one.*

*Our relationship has at all times been that of player and coach and I've certainly garnered a great deal of tactical know-how from him. You see, he knows exactly how players think and we know how he thinks, an ideal rapport which makes the atmosphere amongst the squad that much more relaxed.*

*As you know, when I joined Barcelona, the side was struggling. But we soon found our rhythm and climbed up the table, eventually clinching the First Division Championship and qualifying for the European Cup.*

*I think we did quite well in Europe last season and surely our two games with Leeds United were the finest and the most exciting of the whole tournament.*

*However, on the other hand, our League record last term was far from convincing, so now we must begin again in our quest for the European Cup via the Spanish First Division Championship, and without Rinus who has now left the club.*

*Some months ago I was asked to compare playing professional soccer in Spain with that of the Netherlands. In my view the basic difference is that football in Spain is more like a job, whereas in Holland you could expect only, say six or seven tough matches all season. Here, nearly every game is like a Cup Final, a similar set-up in many respects to the English First Division where no game is ever referred to as easy meat.*

*I think Dutch soccer is much more tactically sophisticated than Spain's which tends to be physical. I don't mean by this that it's dirty, just that players here work a great deal harder.*

*The Barcelona Stadium must be one of the most awe-inspiring in the world. We nearly always have nigh on 100,000 fans in the ground even for a run-of-the mill League fixture. The atmosphere is electric and when the Catalans really vend full voice to their feelings the noise can be so deafening that even I have found the whole scene nerve-racking on occasions.*

*As far as close-marking is concerned; well, I have become so used to this over the years that I don't really think about it any more. After all, if you've got a good side, and two opposing defenders try to blot you out, well that leaves them with basically one less player on the park, which in turn means that you must take full advantage of this. Therefore you have to become tactically more resilient and learn not to play for yourself, but for your team as a whole.*

*Of course soccer must have its individualists and showmen, but the sport is after all a team game and the world's so-called ball-artists should never forget this fact!*

## Franz Beckenbauer

**FOLLOWING our European Champions' Cup Final triumph over Leeds United in May I was "quoted" as saying that Leeds were such a dirty side that they should stick to playing in the British Isles.**

**Well, like everybody in the public-eye I've been misquoted more times than I like to remember. But I must say that this particular brand of journalistic licence certainly takes the biscuit.**

**I should like to take the opportunity here and now of categorically refuting this press-created insult on such a fine, skilful side as Leeds United.**

**Okay, the Final itself was hard and rugged, but when you have been in this business as long as I have you learn to expect that in the major international finals no quarter is ever either given or expected.**

**Of course, the behaviour of the Leeds "supporters" following the disallowed Peter Lorimer "goal" was unforgiveable and, to put it mildly, a damaging advertisement for Britain as a whole. But on the other hand how can a football club be blamed for the antics of a lunatic minority of its fans. In my opinion this simply isn't justice!**

**I have always admired the Leeds method and I reckon they possess much more flair and improvisation than they have been given credit for over the past decade or so.**

**For example, in the elegant Allan Clarke they have a forward capable on his day of being as exciting and as potent as any striker in the world today.**

**And what can one say about that human dynamo Billy Bremner. Although now, by footballing standards, a veteran, he must still rank as one of the leading exponents of the midfield-running style in Europe.**

**Yet, the player who impressed me most of all during that gruelling European Cup Final, and indeed in last year's World Cup, was striker Joe Jordan, a real aerial artist. No wonder the Bayern management bid one million Marks for him!**

**As you can see from what I've been saying, I have no grudge whatsoever against the Leeds players. And I think I must speak for a great many people throughout the world when I say that after ten years of European combat, European Cup soccer simply won't seem the same without them.**

**I sincerely hope that before I retire I will have the opportunity of playing against them in a major European final, although I doubt very much whether the Leeds team would be at all similar to the one that played in Paris, which would in my view be a great tragedy not only for British soccer, but also to the world game as a whole.**

**Leeds will now, of course, have to rebuild and begin blooding new younger players. We at Bayern will also have to adopt much the same policy because it doesn't matter one iota how good your team is if several of your key players are not getting any younger.**

# E STARS SAY

## Johan Neeskens

**IN THE old days, the role of the midfield provider was essentially a straightforward one. His job was to supply his front-runners with long through passes and the like. If he did happen to score, it was always more the exception than the rule. Basically he relied on other people to put the ball into the net.**

But nowadays things have altered, and life for a midfield operator has become that much more arduous.

When I began my career with Ajax, I was what could be termed a forager. My job was to create chances for my old pal Johan Cruyff. But as new tactics and formations evolved during the middle and late 1960s, I became compelled by the course of events to adopt a more flexible approach to my game. For example, I had to learn, and learn quickly the art of long-range shooting from all angles. For, I realised that with the advent of 4-3-3, 4-2-4 and 4-4-2 I would be required to not only make incisive runs for goal, but also at the same time make sure that I was always there lurking behind the main front-runners, waiting to pounce if the opposing defence failed to clear the ball properly. So, as you can see, as soccer developed tactically so did my approach.

Initially I found this transition a difficult proposition, but thanks to many friends, notably Rinus Michels, I eventually overcame my apprehensions and became what is to all intents and purposes an extra attacker.

### Pundits

Although I have been described by numerous pundits throughout the footballing world as a "midfield roamer", I'm not one of nature's born runners. I believe that if you are to create openings for your team-mates it's not the amount of running you do that counts, it's how accurate and penetrating your passes are.

During the World Cup Finals last summer Johan Cruyff and I often had long detailed conferences about how I should combine with him, Rob Rensenbrink and our main striker Johnny Rep. Finally, after much thought and deliberation, we decided that the best and in fact the only method we could utilise, which would both confuse and deceive our opponents, would be to employ on the face of it only one out-and-out striker, namely Johnny Rep.

Several respected pressmen called this tactic revolutionary, and I suppose in retrospect this journalists' view had much to be said for it. You see, if you look at our policy from our opponents' point-of-view, they must have wondered how on earth they would be able to blot out a striking force which on paper anyway didn't really exist.

I have made these points because I feel that by doing so you should begin to appreciate how I tackle the job of being not only just a conventional linkman, but I hope a complete forward in every sense of the word.

Another ploy I have perfected is the long, quick and incisive run forward which I find very often takes the opposing side's defence completely by surprise. I did this on several occasions during the Germany World Cup and although it meant that I was making for goal on my own, the method of the move also meant that I was fortunate enough to be in a one-against-one situation, with the ball bouncing invitingly on the half-volley enabling me to hit it first time with my instep.

Therefore, to say that I'm a convinced and committed advocate of "Total Football" would be an understatement. Even when I joined Ajax as a raw youngster I was not entirely happy with the almost stereotyped attitude of both coaches and trainers who believed that each player had only one role to fulfil. As such I was always at odds with this regimented ideology, so you can imagine how pleased and satisfied I became when approximately six or seven years ago the new more sophisticated tactics I have been talking about were introduced into Dutch football.

I think my old mate, world tennis superstar Tom Okker summed it all up when he once told me that you can't be a world-class tennis player if you're not proficient at every shot in the book. Well, in my view the same applies to soccer!

I should like to end by citing the supreme example of what I term a "Jack of all Trades and MASTER OF EVERYTHING", the now-legendary former Real Madrid master Alfredo Di Stefano, who in my opinion altered the whole concept of the game at least a decade before talk of "Total Football" became the major preoccupation of soccer journalists. I would certainly rate the Argentinian-born wizard as fine a player as either Pele or my Barcelona and Dutch colleague Johan Cruyff.

## Rob Rensenbrink

**AFTER England had triumphed over West Germany in the World Cup Final nine years ago without using wingers, for a short period of time countries throughout the world started to ape Sir Alf Ramsey's wingless strategy.**

**However, in the late 1960s some European countries, notably my own (Holland), Poland, West Germany and Yugoslavia, began to realise the folly of this system, appreciating that a side without orthodox flankmen could never become a truly potent attacking force. And, by the time last year's World Cup Finals got under way, wingers were once more very much in evidence.**

**I can, and indeed enjoy playing on either wing, and I suppose it would be true to say that even though many of my finest performances both for club and country have occurred when I've been taking on opposing full-backs in the style of the old-fashioned touch-line wingers, it was I think my performances for Holland in Germany which at last made people realise that my method of play is not at all sophisticated or unique.**

**I think I understand why my style was regularly placed under the microscope, as you might say, by soccer commentators and journalists in Germany. It could be that they were so surprised to see a forward operating on both flanks that they expected that beneath all this there lurked some new Dutch trick.**

**And when I began to create goals for my colleagues from midfield positions as well, headlines like "Rensenbrink the complete player" started to appear in many newspapers throughout the world. But frankly I'm no "Total footballer". As I've been saying, all I am in point of fact is just a plain, simple old-fashioned winger, with no other pretensions whatsoever!**

**Being a winger, I am obviously an ardent admirer of the world's leading exponents. There are several players I particularly envy for the way they are able to destroy opposing defences almost at will. But of all the many wingmen I have seen or played with and against over the years, none has impressed me more than Yugoslavia's Dragan Dzajic.**

**He is direct; tricky; a superb dribbler; a magnificent and extremely accurate crosser of the ball; and to top this all off he possesses a devastating shot. In fact Dragan is in my view the personification of the true orthodox winger.**

**Another winger I have tremendous respect for is the Leeds and Scotland player Eddie Gray. I know he has been dogged by injuries off and on for several years now, but he still in my opinion remains one of the game's premier left-sided flankmen.**

**The game which made him into a European and indeed world star was obviously the 1970 English Cup Final between Leeds and Chelsea at Wembley Stadium. Gray looked a real world-beater as he teased and tormented the Chelsea full-back Dave Webb mercilessly. This was without question wing play at its very best. And surely there is no finer sight in soccer than a talented winger tearing a defence to shreds with pure, cultured footballing skills.**

ERIC BATTY writes

# Demise of Ajax now complete—will they come back?

**AJAX Amsterdam dominated European football between 1970 and 1973, providing more than a few flashes of what was to come when they hammered Liverpool for five goals and then drew 2-2 at Anfield before that. Between 1971 and 1973 they took the European Cup three times in a row though the finals were poor affairs but there is no doubt that at their best, Ajax were the outstanding club team of the last ten years.**

In the 1970 final against Panathinaikos at Wembley, Ajax were too afraid of being caught on the counter-attack to put up the game they could have. In 1972 their 'away' game, the final in the camp of arch enemies Feyenoord, found them against an Inter squad that played the rough, tough *cattenaccio* game that spoiled the proceedings.

And in 1973 against Juventus in Belgrade it was an early goal by Johnny Rep which in my mind robbed the final of its spectacle. One up against counter-punching Italians, Ajax left the last 86 minutes to the Zebras with Johan Cruyff, as he so often is nowadays, happy to coast when his team were ahead. So the superteam was never seen in any of the finals.

## Frontiers

Many people subscribed to the view that Ajax could equal Real Madrid's old record of five consecutive European Cup successes, though I was never one of them. In retrospect, had the team reached its peak a little earlier, say around 1968 when there was little real opposition, they may well have done so, but in the end it was the opening of the Spanish frontiers to foreign players that cooked the golden goose of Ajax.

Once Cruyff had gone to Barcelona, Ajax could never have been quite the same again. Indeed, it may truly be said that when Rinus Michels, the man that built the team left for Spain, their ultimate collapse was inevitable.

## Individual

As it was, Ajax papered over the cracks and with Rumanian Stefan Kovacs at the helm they wont wo European Cups without Michels. But all the time, differences between the players, disputes between the club and individual players began to escalate and now they have cracked wide open.

When the new season starts it is likely that only the full backs Win Suurbier and Ruud Krol will be left from the team that played in the 1973 European Cup Final against Juventus: Stuy; Suurbier, Hulshoff, Blankenberg, Krol; Neeskens, Muhren (G), Haan; Rep, Cruyff, Keizer.

Heinz Stuy, who is getting on a bit now spent most of last season amongst the reserves, ousted by Piet Sehrijvers, the international goalkeeper Ajax bought from FC Twente. But that in my opinion was an improvement.

However, once Johan Neeskens got his call to Barcelona there was no keeping him back. When CFB want someone badly then the money they offer is of the kind few men could refuse. But given that Cruyff and Neeskens had to go, a very good Ajax team could have been retained by the right manager, by Michels for example, who knew how important it was to keep a steady stream of youngsters coming along the production lines.

## Good life

Unfortunately, the truly great coaches who build teams with their creative genius are as rare as great players themselves these days. And as Georg Knobel, the man who followed Kovacs made clear, the Ajax players were beginning to live the good life, to put a good time before good football. It is likely that Michels could have nipped that in the bud too though we shall never know now that this would have been so.

The present Ajax manager Hans Kraay is no doubt a very capable man but all the signs are that he has not been able to patch up the internal bickering between the players and the club. From what I hear, discipline has varied with some players apparently being favoured, and not unnaturally others have been offended.

I understand that Horst Blankenberg got really annoyed when he was fined for being late at training soon after Willy Brokamp who joined the club from MVV Maastricht and still lives there, driving half way across the country to train, was held up by trouble with his car . . . and was let off.

Now Blankenberg, German-born, is eager to join Hamburg SV and was quoted recently . . . "I've had a nose full of Kraay".

Right winger Johnny Rep has signed for Valencia, following Cruyff and Neeskens in the search for Spanish gold; Arie Haan quit the club after a row with Kraay when he was substituted during the needle game with Feyenoord and joined Belgium's RSC Anderlecht in time to help them win the Belgian Cup.

Former captain Piet Keizer quit the game, blaming Kraay early last season and now Gerrie Muhren is negotiating his transfer to FC Bruges. If that comes off, then only Suurbier and Krol will remain.

The only bright spot for Ajax is the news that Barry Hulshoff who missed the World Cup through injury and has been in trouble with a knee injury for more than a year, looks like making a comeback. In a recent end of season tour game, he played half a match against Manchester United in Indonesia and apparently suffered no ill effects.

## Contract

But he too has said he would like to leave Ajax even though he realised that none of the other big Dutch clubs would commit themselves to a contract with a player whose fitness was in doubt. So that even if Hulshoff makes a complete recovery there is still some doubt that he will remain.

Ajax could come again of course. But like all the great teams the first priority is not for players but for the right manager-coach. They need another man like Michels . . . and he, whoever he is will need time.

# DOUBLE FOR REAL MADRID

**IT's 13 years since a Spanish club last completed the Cup and League double and there are no prizes for guessing that this time, as in 1962, that club just happens to be Real Madrid.**

Having wrapped up the league back in the spring, they beat neighbours Atletico Madrid 4-3 on penalties after the final finished 0-0 after extra time. Some consolation then, for the penalties defeat by Red Star Belgrade in the Cup Winners Cup.

Foreigners being banned from the end-of-term Cup campaign, Real were thus without Gunter Netzer and Paul Breitner. But since both West Germans had just been operated on anyway there was never any protest over this peculiar old rule.

That Real reached the final to successfully defend their title was quite a turn-up since in the first leg of the quarter finals they crashed 4-0 away to Las Palmas. Few people gave them much chance of making up the leeway, the more so when all they had to show after 55 minutes of the second leg was a solitary goal from Roberto Martinez.

Then, in just 11 minutes, it was all over. Santillana hit a hat-trick, Pirri grabbed another and Madrid, incredibly, had blitzed their way through, 5-4 on aggregate.

## Hepatitis

Whether Las Palmas morale would have given way so completely had it not been for the shock death of skipper Tonono the previous Monday seems doubtful. Tonono—real name Antonio Alfonso Moreno—died from viral hepatitis complicated by a kidney ailment. He was 31 and had played 22 times in midfield for Spain.

Meanwhile, while Real were marching on, Barcelona were going out. Held 0-0 at home by Zaragoza they went down 1-0 away under the studious gaze of new coach Hennes Weisweiler. Was he surprised at the defeat? "After seeing the first leg I didn't think there was much chance."

Weisweiler had already held a briefing with outgoing Rinus Michels about the squad and he's been busy checking the youth teams and the second division nursery team, Atletico Barcelona. And, while Michels has been lashing out at president Agustin Montal, Weisweiler's been trying to sort out the knee trouble which has plagued striker Marcial. He's been packed off to see a specialist in West Germany.

Just another example of the international medical co-operation which is becoming part and parcel of soccer, now that there is such freedom of movement. Miljan Miljanic, Madrid's boss, has put several of his injury cases into the hands of Yugoslav surgeon Branko Nesovic.

Atletico Madrid beat Granada in the quarter finals—winning 2-0 at home and losing 2-1 away. Granada were also being watched by their new coach—old friend Miguel Munoz. After protracted negotiations—it seemed CFB would want him if they couldn't land Weisweiler—he agreed to take over from Joseito, a colleague in Madrid's first European Cup side.

## Interviews

Joseito, in turn, having announced earlier this year that he would quit Granada, has taken over the Spanish youth teams from Eduardo Toba—another new broom in the FA now that Pablo Porta has taken over as president from Jose Luis Perezpaya.

Munoz has spent the past 18 months relaxing since quitting Madrid. He's helped to write a book on the last World Cup and taken time out with his family. He's still as reticent in interviews as ever and won't hear a word said against Madrid.

**by Keir Radnedge**

Still, I can't wait for his return to Chamartin with his new club . . .

**Athletic Bilbao needed penalties to beat Basque neighbours and rivals San Sebastian after each team had won 3-1 at home, and were duly paired with Atletico Madrid in the semi finals.**

(Atletico, incidentally, were founded as an offshoot of Bilbao back at the turn of the century).

## Rumours

Real Madrid and Zaragoza played first, with a late Camacho goal bringing a 2-2 draw in La Romareda. The match took place amid a sea of rumours: that Real wanted Zaragoza's top scorer, Paraguayan Nino Arrua . . . that Zaragoza wanted Sporting Lisbon centre back Alhinho . . . and so on.

In the end the match ended two minutes short in a hail of cushions and Real made the final by winning a very fine second leg 2-1—revenge for that 6-0 thrashing in the league.

Meanwhile Atletico Madrid put Bilbao away 2-0 and 0-0 and went into the final aiming for a hat-trick—they beat Real 3-2 in 1961 and 3-1 in 1960! But it was not to be. Their fans pelted Madrid with more cushions during the lap of honour, but they couldn't complain—four times the woodwork had saved Atletico during the game.

Cup or no Cup, Madrid have been busy in the transfer market, buying Argentinian international Carlos Alfredo Guerini from relegated Malaga for £130,000. Guerini, a speedy left winger with a good shot, was born in Cordoba (Argentina) on March 10, 1949 and joined Malaga from Boca Juniors. He's been in Spain two years and so can now be counted "Spanish", though injury meant he only played 15 games this term.

## Interest

Football runs in the family—his uncle was Carlos Lacasia, one of Argentina's stars in the 1950s.

Malaga have also sold international goalkeeper Juan Antonio Deusto to Hercules of Alicante for £58,000, and Chilean international Carlos Caszely has finally left third division Levante (Valencia) for Espanol Barcelona.

Madrid have denied an interest in Benfica's Jordao, who may finish up with Betis, but another Portuguese star who seemed set for Spain, Octavio of Vitoria Setubal, has turned his back on Atletico Madrid and signed for Oporto.

## Changes

**Some trainers are on the move too.**

Alfredo di Stefano—ex-Elche, Boca Juniors, Valencia and Sporting Lisbon—is back in Madrid, with second division Rayo Vallecano. Ferenc Puskas has quit relegated Murcia and could return to Greece, while one-time Atletico Madrid stopper, Heriberto Herrera, takes over from Pierre Sinibaldi at Las Palmas. Lucien Muller is back, with Burgos, but Valencia don't know where they are.

They thought Dragan Milosevic would stay on as boss, but Yugoslavia's Celik have protested through the Slav FA that they have an option on Milosevic. Valencia are undecided also about their foreigners. Having signed Johnny Rep, they still have Mali's Salif Keita and Austria's Kurt Jara.

One will have to go. Could it be Keita, back to France with Paris St Germain?


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# Anti-Corrupt urgently

## Looking at soccer

**ONE of the issues of the day is the project to set up an Anti-Corruption Agency, which would deal with chicanery in our public life. Mr. Muir Hunter, QC, the star, if one may so disrespectfully label him, of the Poulson Trial is strongly in its favour. And I am strongly in favour of such a body being set up by the World and European governing bodies, FIFA and UEFA.**

That such an agency is essential if world football is not to come to a sticky and unlamented end should be clear enough by now. The Solti Case is by no means wound up, and its final writhings are likely to bring down untold powers, principalities and people. It is my involvement in this case, which UEFA have twice had to re-open following the investigations of Keith Botsford and myself in the SUNDAY TIMES, which has convinced me that such an agency is necessary.

For what has become depressingly clear is that UEFA — and by implication FIFA — simply have no mechanism for investigating such an involved, prolix and devious business. Solti's slimy trail spreads over some twenty years of European football, into countries as disparate as Spain, Hungary, France, Austria, Germany, Italy (of course), Switzerland and Yugoslavia.

What UEFA did in May, 1974, was to set up a so called Ad Hoc Investigating sub committee consisting of M. Lucien Schmidlin of Switzerland, M. Jacques Georges of France, and their own Secretary, M. Hans Bangerter. Six months later, in Budapest, the mountain parturated a mouse. Yet how could it have been expected to do anything else?

Its brief had been virtually restricted to looking into the proceedings of the disciplinary and Executive Committees which had dealt, if that is the word, with Solti's attempt to bribe the Portuguese referee Lobo, in 1973. When, as a result of Botsford and myself deploring the inadequate way in which the case had again been handled, Schmidlin and Georges were put on trial again, their problem remained the same. How were they, part time, amateur administrators, with no previous experience of such a task, to carry out a valid investigation?

I have to say that I thoroughly sympathise with them. How, indeed? In the first place, where on earth were they to find the time, each being obliged to earn his living? In the second, how, with the best will in the world, were they to transform themselves into investigators, a task generally performed by policemen or journalists?

The wheeling and dealing of the great Northern Italian clubs in European competition, over many years, is a repugnant scandal, but it is not, alas, in any way unique. Let us look at a few other recent cases. In the World Cup qualifying tournament for the CONCACAF group, played in Port of Spain, Haiti, the Haitian victory over Trinidad was a scandal.

### Suspended

The El Salvadorian referee disallowed no fewer than four goals to the West Indian team. Afterwards, he and a linesman were suspended. But the result stood, a win for Haiti which eventually took them into the finals of the World Cup. It was a disgrace.

So was the refereeing, four years earlier, of the Mexico v Belgium World Cup match in Mexico City.

Mexico won it thanks to a penalty which would have been laughable, had it not been so scandalous. There was no subsequent investigation.

**Nor has there been any of the strange affair of Poland v Italy in Stuttgart, last summer. It will be remembered that Gorski, the Polish coach, was subsequently quoted in one of the leading Warsaw daily papers to the effect that well heeled Italian supporters had tried without success to bribe his players. Further stories then emerged; Polish players were quoted as alleging they'd been offered up to two thousand dollars a man by Italian players, on the field, to draw the game.**

The air escaped from this particular balloon when Gorski did what appeared to be a bizarre *volte-face*, maintaining that the journalist had mis-quoted him, and the journalist hastened to make public self-abasement. Anyone who

# tion Agency required!

## with Brian Glanville

knows how the fettered, tightly controlled Press works in the Iron Curtain countries will be aware that no sports journalist would readily lay his head on the block.

This one must have been very sure of his quotes and his facts before he went into print. From somewhere higher up the line, for reasons one can only guess at — though they may have had something to do with the fact that Poland and Italy are involved in the same Nations Cup Group — word came down that Gorski must withdraw.

Again, it was a situation crying out to be thoroughly investigated; but how could FIFA, as it stands, possibly do so.

Since he has come to power and the Presidency — a feat on which we shall politely refrain from dwelling and reflecting — Senhor Joao Havelange has come up with all sorts of interesting ideas for spending money. WORLD SOCCER has already reported that his plan for helping the backward footballing countries of the world has already been cut by 70 per cent. I assume the ludicrous scheme of a world tournament for youth teams under the age of 19 will go the same way. Who the devil needs it?

But while the good Havelange meditates on what will be the next piece of empire building — splashing out money on new FIFA Headquarters in Zurich? Letting in Red China and kicking out Taiwan? — perhaps he might be persuaded to bend his mind to the idea of an Anti-Corruption agency.

It is not, one must admit, the kind of innovation which one would naturally associate with Senhor Havelange, but all the more credit to him if he can bring it about. Football would be grateful to him; a good deal more grateful, I am sure, than throwing money down Afro-Asian ratholes in the name of aid to the under-developed or for inflicting a youth tournament upon us.

### Expert help

The existence of a world and European Anti-Corruption agency, staffed by a lawyer or two, a handful of well qualified policemen, able to call upon expert help in any country of the world, would in itself have benign effects. The Soltis of this world, and their cynical masters, would be far less ready to operate.

An ounce of prevention, after all, is worth a ton of cure. And we could then rest assured that when a truly disastrous exhibition of refereeing occurred (such as M. Kitabdjian's, in Paris, last May) it was the result of mere ineptitude; as I am sure M. Kitabdjian's was.

FIFA and UEFA, the ball is in your court, and bouncing eagerly.

**FOUL, the alternative football magazine, has come to an early, if not a sticky, end. Though scarcely broken hearted, I am prepared neither to dance on its grave nor to say good riddance. There were often things in it which I applauded; a splendid investigation of the Ibrox Park disaster, and subsequent scandal, by Alan Stewart, which deserved a vastly larger audience; such delightfully funny parodies as that of the League Review.**

But when the founders of FOUL came to see me, before the magazine was launched, I told them that its success would depend on its flow of information; if you wish, of "inside stories." Too often FOUL took the easy way out, with silly spite, petty jibes, a sort of free floating and unfocused adolescent rancour.

A well known, non-sporting journalist summed it up when he said to me once: "They're obsessed by the media, and you have this awful feeling all the time that what they really want is to be part of it."

Indeed, a sour smell of envy rose from FOUL'S pages. Small men with smaller talents crawled out of scruffy holes, spread a little malice, and crawled back. The hard, necessary work of building up contacts, finding things out, took second place to the easy self-indulgence of being nasty about fellow, if more prominent, communicators.

Too much space was filled with dreary, if often spiteful, lucubrations by ill-informed fans. One, purporting to tell the truth about Bristol football, believed that Bristol Rovers once had a famous forward called, if I remember correctly, Don rather than Geoff Bradford. The level of discourse, as a fellow football correspondent observed, was here on the level of the public bar.

So, goodbye, FOUL: insufficiently edited, insufficiently informed, but intermittently showing the promise and the possibility of becoming the valuable organ it will now never be.


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# Lee has to rev Newcastle Uni

**NEW horizons are stretching ahead for a feller called Gordon Lee. One-time boss of struggling Port Vale, he's now up among the landed classes, and facing his first season as the new manager of ambitious and demanding Newcastle United.**

The St James' folk signed this confident 41-year-old non-smoker and teetotaller because they liked the way Blackburn were hauled back into the Second Division by him, and were further impressed with a restless get-up-and-go approach.

No time for dodgers. No time for discussing whether Jack Charlton had been the first choice. But only too willing to state that he'll "work bloody hard, and so will all the players with me, this winter".

The pessimists, however, have warned that it's tough at the top, and to that tip from the old sage this son of a miner quips back: "Anybody who talks that way has never struggled at the bottom, because that's where it's really tough, and that's what has helped me earn my new job."

So off he goes. The new adventurer sets himself on a well-worn trail, backed by all the fervid Novocastrians. He's searching for United's first major domestic honour since that Cup final triumph of 1955, which was their third in just four years.

**Now, let's remember the man who has stepped from the team managership and moved into the shadows. None other than big, bluff, and ever-so-friendly Joe Harvey, whose transfer from Bradford City, in 1945, cost a mere £4,000, and marked the start of a long and wonderful friendship with the Geordies.**

## Boardroom

Some of the followers of this club which has made more Wembley appearances than any other, still talk about the days of such as Bill McCracken, and Hughie Gallacher, and Jimmy Milburn, and Jimmy Scoular.

But Harvey, wartime Company Sgt-Major and Cup-winning skipper, looks deeper with the advantage of both dressing-room and boardroom knowledge, and and recognises they've been missing the prizes, though it must be admitted that team switches forced by casualties caused many of the upsets.

For instance, Scottish cap Tony Green and midfield star Terry Hibbitt stepped out of the game with injuries. So, too, did striker John Tudor, who was first hit on the head with a brick thrown through the team coach, and then broke his shoulder falling off a chair.

Yet the playing staff he carefully built up possesses considerable talent, and it remains something of a mystery why no honours were landed, though, perhaps the team might have clicked with just one more signing.

Joe, rarely one to complain at the peculiar quirks of fortune, had a troublesome time last winter with the success-hungry supporters who refused to forgive last year's Final flop against Liverpool, and gradually became frustrated.

## Petitions

Some organised petitions, and paraded with banners calling for the sacking of both chairman Lord Westwood and Joe. Tyneside really became an unhappy place when the Magpies were later pitched out of the F.A. Cup by Third Division Walsall, and from the League Cup by Fourth Division Chester.

Those events automatically cleared the

# HUDDERSFIELD S

**I KNOW it's a hoary old cliche yet it is a fact that we are moving off to another record-breaking start to a new season, though perhaps an unhappy one the Yorkshire employees of the Guinness factotum.**

**Because this next time round we shall be watching the performances of a club in the bottom rung of the English League, who have for many decades delighted and thrilled all the customers with appetites for cups and championships in the top rung.**

**It's a sad and unexpected occasion, having to flick through the Fourth Division fixtures to decide whether it might be worth travelling to see such as Stockport, Workington or Hartlepool playing against the massive frieze of the famous Leeds Road ground.**

**Huddersfield Town are down among the dead men! It doesn't seem possible that this great club which once set the pace for all the rest of the country, will not have to be contesting the issues in centres where 3,000 is a crowd, and someone's having a party when 5,000 turn up.**

**The faithful who sang, "You'll never walk alone", and were publicly thanked for attending the final home game last April, contend that this fall from grace has been on the cards a long time, and are surprised there has not been a complete clear-out after a disastrous four year slide from the First Division.**

## Aristocrats

**Of course, everything is having to be rebuilt for the climb back to respectability, and they are going to travel a long, hard road before taking their place once more among soccer's aristocrats. Maybe ten years. Maybe more.**

**I reckon that these recent years must have been particularly depressing for at least one person. That's Roy Goodall, the former England skipper and Huddersfield defender for 15 seasons, who almost looks down over the pitch from a home spot where he lives with the good folk on the hill.**

**He remembers the twenties when Town were dubbed "The team of the century", and proved it with a fantastic nine-year spell in which they were champions in three successive years, twice runners-up, Cup winners, and also twice finalists.**

**The pride and joy of manager Herbert Chapman, the visionary and disciplinarian of that time, the team was packed with internationals of collective and individual brilliance, and generally was formed of Taylor, Goodall, Wadsworth, Steele, Wilson, Watson, Jackson, Kelly, Brown, Stephenson and Smith.**

## Catechism

**In that era, any small boy could rattle off the line-up almost as if it was a catechism. Thousands cycled round trips of thirty miles. And never stopped talking about Alec Jackson, the winger with the toothpaste smile, and one of Scotland's legendary Wembley wizards in the 5-1 thrashing of England, in 1928, who moved to Chelsea in a transfer that shook the old Town Hall.**

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way for a newcomer, and, in addition, spotlighted once more the tremendous movement of successful managers, affecting clubs in all divisions of the League.

Some have since died. Many have retired to a quieter life, free from ulcers. Others are still giving everything to the game, and will probably go on doing so until nature calls a halt.

Here's a few I'm thinking about just now, and the clubs with whom they made their names at the end of illustrious playing careers—Joe Smith (Blackpool), Jimmy Seed (Charlton), Cliff Britton (Hull City), Don Revie (Leeds Utd), Johnny Carey (Nottingham Forest), Matt Busby (Manchester Utd), Tom Whittaker (Arsenal), Allan Brown (Sunderland), Bill Shankly (Liverpool), Stan Cullis (Wolves), Ted Drake (Chelsea), Bill Ridding (Bolton Wanderers), Harry Storer (Derby County), Bill Nicholson (Spurs), Andy Beattie (Huddersfield Town), Les McDowall (Manchester City), John Harris (Sheffield Utd), and Vic Buckingham (West Bromwich).

Joe Harvey, who didn't always get the right breaks but was always available to newspapermen, even those who were most critical, has earned the right to join the list of top managers of different decades.

Malcolm Macdonald of Newcastle United.

# SLUMP

**Chapman later followed almost the same trail, moving south to lay the foundations of Arsenal's greatness. Yet with the assistance of such England men as Ken Willingham, Joe Hulme, and Alf Young they fought their way to Wembley once more.**

## Successive

The great days began vanishing into the background after the war, however, though the board made commendable efforts with the appointment of successive managers of wide experience—Clem Stephenson followed Bill Shankly, who, in turn, had succeeded fellow Scot Andy Beattie.

And again, over a 10-year stretch, they tried strengthening their playing resources with the signing of Peter Doherty, from Derby County, Len Quested from Fulham, Derek Stokes from Bradford City, and, of course, discovered Denis Law.

A mere slip of a boy of 15, who often wore spectacles after leaving his Aberdeen home for Yorkshire digs, Law's first handlers were Beattie and Shankly, and a brilliant debut within twelve months of arrival helped Town fans to take a better view of the future.

More than a dozen clubs joined the queue for the youngster's services. Shankly said there was never going to be any parting. His constant line was something about over his dead body. But the Huddersfield board had its price, and that was what really mattered in the end, as it always does.

So the new star left. Came a period of mixed fortune bringing further relegation to the Second Division in 1972, the Third Division a year later, and now they are in the bottom class—the club that once graced a century.

## ERIC THORNTON'S SOCCER NOTEBOOK

# Excellent book

HUNGARIAN football and the literature dealing with it seem to have a curiously inverse relationship. As the standard of play gets grimmer, the written word becomes more entertaining and enlightened. Of all the several excellent books I have read recently—all of them published in Budapest and sold out in a matter of days—the pride of place must go to an anthology put together with meticulous care by Istvan Somos.

It is called "A Thousand Faces of Football", and indeed, manages to deal with almost every aspect of the game, both from the serious and humorous points of view. There is a particularly incisive piece about Pele written by Tassos Verghitis, and there is a heartfelt cry uttered on behalf of the referees by the chief peacock, Concetto Lo Bello.

I am mentioning this book (and could list several others) not in order to delay the painful duty of talking about the Hungarian game itself, but to demonstrate that we are dealing with a country which has fine footballing traditions, a genuine love of this sport, and a wide vision concerning the development of the current tactical and technical thinking.

How did they sink so low? That is the crucial question, and one which needs a detailed analysis. Suffice to say that at present, they simply haven't got enough really good players (Ballint, Fazekas and who else?), and that they haven't got the courage to introduce open professionalism.

The leadership of the F.A., headed by a hard-working, genuinely enthusiastic man, Istvan Kutas, is not made up of miracle workers. However hard they try, (and they do try—perhaps too hard!) all their efforts count for nothing if they cannot command the loyalty of the club coaches who in turn influence the players.

In a season of disasters, the final humiliation came in Sofia. Bulgaria beat the clueless Magyars 4-0, and are going into the next round of the Olympic Qualifying Competition. Lajos Baroti, who engineered the 2-0 first-leg win a month earlier, was still in charge, and due to injuries, had to select an experimental squad. Goalkeeper Meszaros was suspended for gross violation of the curfew imposed on footballers, Fazekas was badly injured, and Lajos Kocsis was not available.

Baroti opted to pick a defensive formation and sit on the two-goals' lead. He brought in the Csepel full-back, Godan, pushed Peter Torok up into the overmanned midfield, and kept only Fekete and Kozma up-front as a token of his offensive intentions.

Team: L. Kovacs—J. Nagy—Godan, Ballint, Horvath, Megyesi — Torok, Pinter, Zambo—Fekete, Kozma.

## Clever

The plan 'worked to perfection' until the 44th minute, when Kolev scored from a free-kick. After the break, it only took seven minutes for the determined Bulgarians to decide the fate of this important tie. Panov scored twice—the first from a penalty, the second following a clever move by Isakidis.

The Hungarians couldn't switch into an attacking gear—even the arrival of subs. Pal and Muller didn't change the general, depressing pattern. Zeljazkov put the final nail into the proverbial coffin minutes before the end—the Hungarians

from Turin's d'Azeglio academy, and one of them, Enrico Canfari, became the first president.

The first championship success came in 1905, the second in 1926, and after the institution of the national first division Juventus took the title an unprecedented five times in succession—1931 to 1935. Three times Ambrosiana-Inter were runners-up and once Juventus pipped them on the last day. Golden days indeed!

On October 22, 1933, when Italy beat Hungary 1-0 in the Ferencvaros stadium in Budapest, no fewer than nine Juventus players lined up for the Azzurri: Giampiero Combi, Viri Rosetta, Umberto Caligaris, Luisito Monti, Luigi Bertolini, Renato Cesarini, Felice Borel, Giovanni Ferrari and Raimundo Orsi. Borel got the goal and the referee was an Englishman . . . a Mr. Stanley Rous.

Combi is still, to those with long memories, the greatest Italian goalkeeper of all, and Rosetta and Caligaris perhaps the Azzurri's most famous full-back pairing until Tarcisio Burmich and Giacinto Facchetti joined forces. And, even in these days when international caps are ten a penny, nevertheless Caligaris (59), Rosetta (52), Combi (47) and Ferrari (44) have won more than any other Juventus player—before or since.

Ferrari, mind you, didn't play all his career with Juventus. Having won five championships in Turin he helped Ambrosiana-Inter to two in 1938 and 1940 and repeated the trick with Bologna in 1941.

By this time Juventus had a new centre half, name of Parola, who first appeared in 1939 after the retirement of Monti. And Monti, of course, was the rough tough

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Argentinian—a sort of prototype for Antonio Rattin—infamous for his part in the Battle of Highbury. He'd played for Argentina in the 1930 World Cup Final and became the backbone of the successful Italian side in 1934. Orsi was another Argentinian—he scored in the 1934 final against the Czechs—and Cesarini (ex-River Plate) has been immortalised in one of Italian soccer-writing's cliches.

When Italy beat Hungary 3-2 in Turin on December 13, 1931, it was thanks to a late, late goal by Cesarini. Ever since, to the Italian Press, a late goal has always been scored in the *zona Cesarini*.

## Meteoric

After the war Torino took the league by storm, but the meteoric rise in 1946-47 of Boniperti was a warning of what was to come. In six games he scored five goals and after the Superga air disaster ended the Torino reign in 1949, it was Juventus who were first to the vacant throne. Boniperti was their inspiration, but it was the foreign legion who brought the goals. Denmark's John Hansen scored 28 in 39 games and was Italy's top scorer with 30 when Juventus took the title in 1952 for the second time in three years.

John Charles topped the list with 28 in the title year of 1958—his first season—and Sivori, with 27, repeated the trick, just like the club, in 1960—and not even the Italian Cup could escape Juventus that all-conquering spring.

Sivori, a protege of Cesarini who cost a world record £90,000 from River Plate, scored 25 more as Juventus retained their crown in 1961. Born of a poor and large family in the small provincial Argentinian town of St Nicolas, he was one of the original Angels with Dirty Faces—Humberto Maschio and Antonio Valentin Angelillo were the others—who quit Argentina for Italy shortly before the 1958 World Cup.

Sivori would score 136 goals altogether in his 215 games for Juventus and, with 12 Argentinian caps to his name, also play for Italy, scoring eight times in nine games.

In the meantime Juve regrouped around Sidney Cunha—the neat little Brazilian schemer known as Chinesinho—and the former Real Madrid engine room, Luis del Sol. The championship followed in 1967 and then again in 1972. This time Helmut Haller was the world star on the Juventus stage, giving some devastating performances. Many people who were at Molineux in 1972 may recall how, leading a team of pessimistic reserves, he took on Wolves single-handed in the UEFA Cup and very nearly won.

Haller went back to Augsburg two years ago, after the Champions' Cup Final defeat and now Juventus are back again. The last attempt ended almost before it had begun, in a first round defeat by Dynamo Dresden. Can they do better this time?

They ought to, but with the Italian league making a late start Juve will have to play the first round "cold".

They are still under a minor cloud over the Solti affair, but nothing would do more to restore morale in Italian soccer than an outstanding success for everyone's favourite team—in Europe.

With the World Cup failure, the European Championship disappointments and the retirements in the last few weeks of Gianni Rivera and Giacomo Bulgarelli, *Calcio* is desperately in need of something to cling to.

# from Hungary

by LESLIE VERNON

were well and truly beaten by a no better than mediocre side.

During the funereal after-match inquest, Baroti said: "You can put this defeat down to me. None of my ideas worked, the Bulgarians were allowed to grab the initiative. But the saddest conclusion must be that we are no longer even amongst the middle ranking teams of Europe."

That is perhaps a too pessimistic assessment, although Hungary are out of the European Championship, and what is even more depressing for them, they are out of the Montreal Olympics as well. To cap it all, Honved lost both legs of their Mitropa Cup Final against Swarowski Innsbruck (2-0 in Austria, 2-1 at Kispest), so even this last possible crumb of comfort has been snatched away from the fans.

The immediate reaction to the ignominious dismissal from the road to Montreal was an F.A. announcement, which said that no extra bonus payments would be made to the league players. Orginally, it was intimated that if the clubs faithfully follow the training schedules laid down by the Central Authority, they would get a handsome end-of-season golden handshake from the F.A., according to the number of points collected in the League.

In other words, a straight 'money-for-points' bait to supplement the already substantially increased payments that have been agreed between the clubs and their "amateur" footballers. When the system was introduced, no-one suggested that there were any strings attached to the F.A. bonus scheme (other than the acceptance of fairly rigid guide lines), and the non-implementation of it has created a deal of discontent, especially in clubs at the lower reaches of the pay-scale, who were not involved in international football at any level.

"It is like eating at a restaurant and then not paying for the meal because you didn't enjoy it"—that was how one commentator put it. "The meal has been paid for," came the stern unofficial reply from the F.A., "but we are not giving a tip to a bad waiter".

The last act of the domestic season was played out in the semi-deserted F.T.C. Stadium, where Vasas astonishingly beat Ujpest Dozsa (champions and Cup holders) 5-2 in the Final of the newly introduced Liberation Cup. As a result of a convenient draw (0-0) between Bekescsaba and Haladas, and a narrow defeat at Tatabanya, Pecs were relegated into Division 2.

## Supported

Szeged are back in the top-flight as champions, accompanied by Kaposvar, one of the best supported provincial clubs in Hungary. The town of Kaposvar used to have a First Division side in pre-war days called Somogy, but the current club itself has never reached such exalted heights. Well, it's gloom and doom this month folks, but remember, when you've hit rock bottom, there is only one way to go . . .

# PELE FOR 1978?

from PAUL RADFORD in Rio de Janeiro

WILL he or won't he? He wouldn't dare, or would he? The questions on the sports pages of every newspaper in Brazil teased soccer fans for several weeks until the impossible happened—Pele finally signed for the New York Cosmos.

"Pele—the New Goodbye", mourned the headlines. After his official exodus from the game last October the man who is still King to millions in Brazil was back as the leading topic of soccer conversation. And reactions were decidedly mixed.

For the more worldly the $4½ million contract, plus an office, cars and boats, was a compelling enough reason for King Pele to go. Others said they were proud that Pele would be going to teach soccer to the Americans.

## Incensed

But for the majority Pele's decision to play abroad after officially ending his career in Brazil was little short of treachery.

Fans were particularly incensed because the King had refused numerous entreaties for him to play for the national team in last year's World Cup finals. And his absence from the team is still the most frequently offered excuse for Brazil's failure to retain the World Cup title.

Pele himself told his followers that he did not have to justify his actions, but just as frequently tried to do so. He repeatedly stated that he would never have accepted a similar offer to play in Europe or South America, but wanted to accept the chance to promote soccer in the U.S.A.

The problem for the fans was that he still refused to answer that leading question. Why did he not play for Brazil in the World Cup? "I had good reasons for not doing so", was all he would tell the public.

## Enterprises

Whatever Pele said it was quite clear that he had received an offer from the Cosmos that he just could not refuse. The legendary "Black Pearl" had not been exactly foolish with the money earned in the past, investing most of it in various enterprises. The trouble is that some of his businesses have been far from total successes.

Some years ago, one of Pele's businesses Sanitaria Santista, went bankrupt and now another, a synthetic cables firm called Fiolax, is heavily in debt. Pele admittedly only owns a comparatively small stake in Fiolax, but he's already been called on to pay its debts.

The King is not insensitive to these business problems. He now demands to know much more about the enterprises in which he places his money and went through his contract with the Cosmos with a fine comb. Not that he need have done so. Under the terms of the contract he's not likely to starve for a few years yet.

So money talked and the King came back. And happily for him he found he had not been deserted by his subjects. Brazilian fans are still avidly reading detailed accounts of his every appearance for the Cosmos And if the reports of his performances are considerably more glowing in Brazil than thay are in the rest of the world . . . well, Brazilian journalists are only human.

Even if King Pele has now left Brazil he could still find his home problems are not over. The fans are demanding to know if he will play for Brazil in the 1978 World Cup!

National team manager, Osvaldo Brandao, even chipped in on this one by saying he would not bar anyone from his team on grounds of age. (By 1978 Pele will be 37). "If he's available, he'll have to be taken into account", said Brandao.

All this may sound strange to the outside world, but the simple truth is that if Pele is only a mere mortal that's still a secret in Brazil. Why they call him "King" and not "God" is still a mystery to me.

From ERIC WEIL

# REFEREES GO ON STRIKE

**THE Argentine Metropolitan Championship was held up again when referees went on strike for the second time within a month (see last month's WORLD SOCCER), firstly because the Argentine FA had apparently taken no serious steps to ensure their safety—and attacks at matches continued—but also in support of auxiliary and control personnel which had been dismissed by the FA and which had supported the referees in their previous strike. The referees also felt safer with this personnel on duty at matches.**

The referees also want £64 per match—which does not seem excessive, considering they are taking their life into their hands when they go out onto the field.

It was a question of who would walk out first, because players were also threatening strike action in view of the FA's refusal to discuss their new labour charter (containing some 30 points in which players ask for the moon and appear to offer little).

## Average

The FA referred both cases to the labour ministry which declared the referees strike illegal—so the referees went back "to work"—and is still studying the players charter.

Six-point leaders River Plate have not kept up their early drive with only six points coming from their last six games as rivals go out harder to stop them. But they are still firm favourites to win their first title in 18 years as their closest rivals (Union, FC Oeste, Estudiantes) have done no better.

It is a contrast of styles as River Plate continues to go for all-out attack from the word go (even when their danger men Morete and Alonso are marked out of the game) while Union, FC Oeste and Estudiantes rely on defence and counter-attack—but the overall average of goals per game continues to be just over three.

At the same time eternal rivals Boca Juniors, who vary their type of game, have moved up the table, being unbeaten in their last 10 games and picking up 10 points from their last six. But they are still 10 points behind River Plate with 12 games to go—which seems too wide a margin, unless River Plate really slips.

## Promotion

One of this year's promotion winners, Union (Santa Fe), continue to do well in second place while neighbours Colon (Santa Fe) moved closer and are now joint third although their longest ever winning streak was stopped at 18 by lowly All Boys.

Libertadores Cup holders Independiente have fielded their reserve team in three league games out of their last six while concentrating on reaching this year's final. They have naturally slipped down the table with only five points during that period—and their only recent good performance was in beating neighbours Racing Club 4-1.

**All-attack Racing Club even have defender Brites (3) beating Gimnasia y Esgrima goalkeeper Barisio. The match ended 4-4, but Racing Club also have the worst defence in the league.**

Racing, however, have promoted a lot of youngsters and while their forward trio of Gottardi, Scotta and Diaz continues to pop them in, they have the worst defensive record in the league (59 goals against in 26 matches). Racing have just signed coach Osvaldo Zubeldia of Estudiantes de La Plata fame who was dismissed earlier this season by ailing San Lorenzo.

But relegation-threatened Chacarita Juniors were involved in something of a record just before press-time when coaches Oscar Lopez and Oscar Caballero walked out after having taken on the job only 48 hours earlier. They had taken over from Juan Montino who had replaced Roberto Bettinoti who, in turn, had replaced Victor Rodriguez this season . . . and Chacarita officials aren't convinced yet that they need a new team rather than a new coach.

## Prominent

Huracan are playing some of the best soccer at the moment (under Brazilian coach Delem), with internationals Brindisi and Houseman prominent, which reminds one of their 1973 champion side.

But Rosario Central, runners-up in both the Metropolitan and National championships last year, seem to be suffering from Libertadores Cup hang-over (they went out at the semi final stage on goal average—by one goal). They have taken only three league points out of the last 12, but they seem to have found the usual solution. At press-time they have just thrown out last year's successful coach, Carlos Griguol.

Elsewhere, in **Colombia**, champions Deportivo Cali—after playing off league matches suspended during their Libertadores Cup campaign, are again challenging for the title of the "Abertura" league (the first of Colombia's two league championships), one point behind Millionarios with five matches to go.

## Bottom

In **Venezuela**, Portuguesa, whose string of successes took them from bottom to second place in the Copa Venezuela pre-season championship, carried on the good work and lead the championship with two wins in their first two games.

In **Uruguay** the romantic dream seems to be over. Small club Liverpool, last year's vice-champions and this year's leaders for the first 15 games, lost their second game of the season (1-0 to Nacional) just before press time which let champions Penarol take a two-point lead.

Big clubs Penarol and Nacional have won all 42 professional soccer championships held so far in Uruguay, but the "romantic dream" of a small club topping the table for a change has revived interest and brought the fans back. Gate records are being broken this season.

## News from Switzerland by ARTHUR ROTMIL

# Zurich and Basle win the major competitions

**SWITZERLAND'S "big" two, FC Zürich and FC Basel, who have dominated the domestic scene for the last decade, confirmed their supremacy by winning the principal trophies: Zürich retained the championship title, while Basel won the Cup, and thus they will represent Swiss football in the two major European tournaments next season. The other Zürich club, Grasshoppers, who finished third and Young Boys of Berne (second), gained entry into the UEFA Cup.**

Zürich's success was throughout the season rarely in doubt. The title holders picked up where they left off, registered the highest number of wins (19), they scored most goals (63) and conceded the fewest (19), in a programme of 26 games. The six-point margin over next placed Young Boys also emphasises their superiority over the rest of the field, even though last year their advantage was a staggering twelve points!

Zürich's German manager Timo Konietzka has succeeded again with an ageing team, which now badly needs an injection of fresh blood, if it is to remain at the top. For next season Zürich secured the services of Peter Risi from Winterthur, a prolific striker, but they will lose their dependable international winger Daniel Jeandupeux, who is joining the French club Girondins Bordeaux.

### Benefit

It remains to be seen, whether this "exchange" will benefit the champions. Their principal goalgetter is still the Yugoslav Ilija Katic, who with 23 goals in 26 matches was also the League's top scorer. But Zürich's new acquisition, Risi, will be needed as a penalty expert. Out of eight penalties awarded to the champions, three were missed (!), while Risi converted all four he had taken for Winterthur!

But on the whole, this has been a good season for goals—more were scored than in the last six years. The average per match rose from 3.02 to 3.29. The previous best was recorded in 1968-69, when the ratio was 3.36.

### Average

Despite this welcome improvement, however, the slump in attendances continued. The total of 966,400 spectators, who watched the season's games in the National League "A", was in fact the lowest for ten years. The average per match dropped from 6,100 last term, to 5,300. Even the successful Zürich and Basel felt the pinch. The champions' average fell from 11,000 to 8,700—Basel's from 10,900 to 8,000.

The exception were Young Boys, whose gates improved from 6,200 to 7,400 per match. But Young Boys celebrated their best season for 15 years! They became runners-up and will, for the first time since 1959, take part in a European competition, the UEFA Cup. They also reached the semi-finals of the SFV Cup and won the Alpine Cup. The "Boys" improved form was based on their athletic qualities, stamina and team work. For this the main credit must go to their German coach Kurt Linder, who has clearly managed to get the maximum out of the comparatively modest playing material.

### Leading

Grasshoppers, who took third place, have also impressed and they could have finished higher, if only their form in the first half of the season (when they were lying 10th) had been anything like the finishing burst (when they gained more points than anyone else). They won nevertheless the League Cup, by thrashing local rivals and champs Zürich by 3-0. The "Hoppers" are undoubtedly the team of the future and should soon regain the leading role which they once played in Swiss football. (16 championship titles and 13 Cup wins, both records here).

**Although their Yugoslav striker Santrac has not quite lived up to expectations, despite finishing joint second in the League's list with 17 goals, Grasshoppers' young forwards especially their international Elsener, next to the experienced Swedish World Cup star Ove Grahn, should blossom next season. There are also high hopes that the Italian schemer Umberto Barberis (23), now with FC Sion, who was voted the outstanding player in the country, will shortly join the "Hoppers".**

Basel, who finished fourth in the table, won the SFV-Cup for the fifth time by beating Winterthur 2-0 in the final. But they must also start thinking of rejuvenation. Goalkeeper Marcel Kunz and forward Walter Balmer are retiring, whilst their German goal scoring ace Ottmar Hitzfeld, is going to VfB Stuttgart. Basel's captain Karl Odermatt is beginning to slow down, so that German manager Helmut Benthaus is already dreading the day when he will have to field a side without his famous "general".

At the other end of the scale, Lucerne and Vevey, promoted last season, were relegated. Their places were taken by FC Biel and La Chaux-de-Fonds, the latter after a dramatic play-off, which involved two other clubs. In Switzerland neither goal average, nor goal difference are taken into account, if teams are level on points, to decide the championship or relegation issue.

For the national side this has not been a happy season, although they did finish on a winning note, by defeating the Republic of Ireland by 1-0, to secure their first win in the European Championship qualifying group. But the Swiss are trailing in last place, even behind the modest Turks, to whom they lost in the autumn (1-2), and could not beat at home (1-1).

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The two men who have made a great contribution to the rise of Polish football . . . Wlodzimierz Lubanski (holding flowers) and team manager Kazimierz Gorski (left).

**POLAND, surprise side of the 1974 World Cup, lead group five of the European Championship. But any hopes they have of making the quarter finals for for first time will have to wait.**

First they have to meet, and beat, the one team which, for attacking brilliance, outshone them in West Germany last summer—Holland.

Without any doubt the Poles were put into the toughest of the championship groups. Not just Holland face them, but Italy too—with weak Finland making up the quartet.

"We always have to do things the hard way," complained national team manager Kazimierz Gorski, when the draw was made. "When we were qualifying for the World Cup Finals we had to beat England. When we got to the finals we had to beat Italy and Argentina. And in the semi-final group we had to play West Germany."

The world and European champions, of course, were just too strong for the Poles, but a goal from Grzegorz Lato in the third place match was enough to beat the Pele-less Brazil and enhance the fame of goalkeeper Jan Tomaszewski (24, from LKS Lodz), stopper Jerzy Gorgon (25, from Gornik), midfielders Kazimierz Deyna (28 — Legia Warsaw) and Zygmunt Maszczyk (30 — Ruch Chorzow), and strikers Lato (25—Stal Mielec) and Robert Gadocha.

Indeed, Stefan Kovacs, the Rumanian who manages the French national team and who of course led Ajax to their greatest peak two years ago, rated Gadocha the best winger in the world. The 29-year-old, one of Poland's stars when they won the Olympic title for the first time in 1972, had a hand in no fewer than 12 of their 16 goals in the World Cup Finals.

So, many people favoured Poland to top their group in the European Championship since Holland might have difficulty keeping their team together—particularly with Johan Cruyff and Neeskens in Barcelona.

But the way the Poles began this season was anything but reassuring. They scrambled a 2-1 win away to Finland in Helsinki and then went down 2-0 at home, at Wroclaw, in a friendly, to France. This result was hailed as proof that the Poles were cracking up. But in fact Gorski used only five of his World Cup regulars and experimented with some talented newcomers—defenders Henryk Wieczorek (23—Gornik), Stanislav Sobczynski (23—ROW Rybnik), midfielder man Jozef Kopicera (23—Ruch) and strikers Zdizlaw Kapka (19) and Marek Kusto (20), both of Wisla Cracow.

## Attack

Gorski was rebuilding his team and this became clear when he announced his 15 for the return with Finland. Only six of his World Cup stars were included but the Poles still won 3-0 in Poznan with goals from Stal Mielec's 28-year-old Henryk Kasperczak, Gadocha and Lato. The performance was not one of their best, however, and Gorski came under attack.

You're going to find it difficult to qualify for the quarter finals like that, aren't you? he was asked.

"It'll be difficult, yes," he replied. "But not impossible. My players understand that they can't take things easily. I've left up to seven World Cup men out of the squad recently. So now we're moving forward again. In our friendly against Canada soon (Poland won 2-0) I shan't include any of my World Cup men—just the men who are in form now and the best reserves. You see, I'm already thinking of the future."

That's a good job, because there's been something of a player revolution in Poland which has set the individual members of the national team at sixes and sevens and robbed the squad of much of its team spirit and morale. First Gadocha threatened to go on strike after the Polish football federation refused him permission to sign a lucrative contract in the West, possibly with Bayern Munich. Eventually, just after Christmas, he obtained permission to sign for French club, Nantes, where he scored two goals on his debut.

**Then skipper Kazimierz Deyna — the greatest footballer in Eastern Europe at the moment—was also upset when he was refused permission to go West, and 21-year-old World Cup stopper Wladislaw Zmuda called on his club, Gwardia Warsaw, too, to release him. The club's answer was to suspend him from soccer for six months. Another blow fell on the national team when 26-year-old left back Adam Musial was badly injured in a car crash, and then Gorski himself fell ill and had to hand over temporarily to his assistants. It was even rumoured that Gorski might sign a contract to take over Feyenoord.**

As if that wasn't enough Wlodzimierz Lubanski, Poland's greatest-ever forward, who missed the World Cup Finals because of injury, announced that he had decided to retire—at 28.

"I'd rather the fans remember me as I was, rather than see me struggle for another couple of years at half pace," he said.

More unsettling news came after champions Ruch Chorzow were knocked out of the Champions' Cup by St-Etienne. Ruch skipper Maszczyk, Poland's present footballer of the year, was offered a contract by French club Lens, and is thinking it over. He wouldn't be the first Polish player to finish up in France.

And, strangely enough, former Ruch and Poland left winger Eugenius Faber is about to return from Lens to become assistant coach at Chorzow!

# Holland will provide test for Poland...

## says KEIR RADNEDGE

Add to all this some injury trouble for Gorgon and a poor 2-2 draw with Czechoslovakia and it's clear why the Poles were worried at the start of this year—not just anxious about their chances against Holland, but about Italy too. Yet with Gorski back in charge, results improved. Poland beat Yugoslav champions Hajduk Split 1-0, the United States 7-0 and Valencia 3-0 in their preparations for their vital visit to Italy.

And then Gorski went back on his word . . .

### Standards

All the plans for the future were thrown out of the window when it came to picking the side to face the Italians in Rome's Olympic stadium.

The team which took on Italy was the one which beat Brazil for third place in the World Cup—with the exception of the absent Musial. But if the Poles had their World Cup side out, they played far below the standards of last year. They had come merely for a draw and that was what they achieved—0-0. But it took three fine saves from Tomaszewski.

In the closing stages he twice dived bravely at the feet of Giorgio Chinaglia and Francesco Graziani and then, in the very last minute, made a terrific save from Paolino Pulici.

The result was virtually enough to put Italy out of the Championships, but the Poles will have to play much better if they are to eliminate Holland, whom they face—probably in Katowice—on September 10 and in Amsterdam on October 15.

Since that game in Rome the Poles have won away to East Germany, 2-1 in Halle. But since the East Germans, World Cup Finalists too, have lately been beaten by the amateurs of Iceland, that 2-1 win doesn't say much for Poland. Still, perhaps having put a year between themselves and the World Cup, they will now get down seriously to putting back all the old confidence and verve into their team. Gorski himself will be particularly keen to see his men in top form again, since he'll be retiring as manager next summer, after the European Championship finals and the Montreal Olympics.

He'd like to go out with a victory in some major tournament to show for his efforts. Gorski was born on March 2, 1921, and was a wing half in his playing days, winning one international cap in 1948, when the Poles were thrashed 8-0 by Denmark. He played for the club side Legia Warsaw and later became their manager, handing over in 1971 when he took over the national team.

**Under Gorski Legia had won the Cup in 1964 and 1966 and the championship in 1969 and 1970. So it was no surprise when he built the national team under Legia stars Deyna and Gadocha and utility man Leslaw Cmikiewicz.**

Poland have taken part in all the European Championship tournaments, but have yet to make any impression. In the first competition, in 1958-60, Spain beat them 4-2, 3-0 in the first round and Northern Ireland beat them 2-0, 2-0 in 1962-64. In 1966-68 they were drawn in the same group as France, Belgium and Luxembourg and—just as in their recent friendly—the French had the upper hand, beating the Poles 2-1 at home and 4-1 away to make sure of a place in the last eight. In 1970-72 the unlucky Poles were in the same first round group as eventual winners, West Germany.

As Gorski says: "We always have to do things the hard way."

Their toughest tests in this Championship are still to come, but I wouldn't write off the Poles just yet. In the World Cup they shook off the inferiority complex which dogged them for so long.

And the fact that they've never got past the first round of the European Championship might just be the right kind of incentive to make sure that not even Johan Cruyff can stop them this time.

# Lubanski moves

**ALMOST — but not quite — overshadowing the move of Paul Van Himst to RWD Molenbeek has been lowly Lokeren's signing of the Polish international forward Wlodzimierz Lubanski.**

The Gornik Zabrze and ex-World Cup star, whose goal against England in June 1973 virtually ended that country's hopes of qualifying for the 1974 World Cup, has not really recovered from the injury he later sustained in that game. He tried a come-back with Gornik last season, but it was not entirely successful and it seems that though reports that he was going to retire were premature, he is not 100% fit.

But Lokeren reckon that the gamble they are prepared to take with a player of his class who is only 60%-70% fit, is worth what many other lesser mortals are at 100%. Lokeren's trainer, the former Czechoslovakian international full-back Ladislav Novak, was the man responsible for securing Lubanski's signature.

Standard Liege, who recently competed in a tournament in Badajoz, Spain, took the opportunity of blooding their own new No. 10, an Austrian called Paul Bajlitz, who showed up quite promisingly. He is likely to get further competitive matches as Standard are playing in the International Cup this summer. They are in the same group as Malmo, Wacker Innsbruck and Sparta Rotterdam.

# DYNAMO TO WIN

**CHEMIE LEIPZIG and Energie Cottbus, both clubs with recent First Division experience in East Germany, have been promoted for next term after play offs with other regional leaders. But the big news revolves around Dynamo Dresden's failure to win the Cup, the DFV Pokal.**

55,000 saw the final in Berlin and as expected Dynamo were in almost total control. On corner kicks they won by 22 to 6 — on shots they won 15 to 5, but neither side were able to score in the first half. Sachsenring Zwickau had one shot at goal in the first half and Dynamo, despite their domination of the play, couldn't beat the Zwickau defence in which international 'keeper Jurgen Croy played a hero's part.

After 65 minutes Gert Heidler finally put Dresden ahead but eight minutes later Joachim Schykowski, one of the few who score headed goals in the DDR, headed Zwickau level. Into extra time and after nine minutes Frank Richter put Dresden ahead once more only for Peter Nestler to equalise at 2-2, this time with only one minute left for play.

It could hardly have been a more dramatic finish for now the rules called for ten penalties, and once more it was Croy who played the key role. First he saved two of Dynamo's spot kicks and took the tenth penalty himself with the scores level at 3-3, hitting a fierce shot, high to the opposing 'keeper's left hand to win the Cup 4-3 on penalties.

## Tragedy

The whole thing was a tragedy for Dynamo Dresden who were the better side on the play and on their way to the final eliminated both champions 1st FC Magdeburg and runners up FC Carl Zeiss Jena.

In the Youth championship — again run on local lines and play offs, four of the best known clubs reached the last stages. Dynamo Dresden Youth took the championship, beating 1FC Lokomotive Leipzig 1-0 in the final while in the play off for third place FC Carl Zeiss Jena Youth beat 1FC Magdeburg also 1-0.

Analysing the championship, there is no doubt that 1FC Magdeburg deserved their success. Unbeaten throughout the second half of the campaign they had two great runs.

In the opening nine games Magdeburg won 8 and drew 1, lost 0 and after faltering a little had another unbeaten run between the 13th and final 26th game, winning 8, drawing 6 and losing 0.

FC Carl Zeiss opening run was even more impressive, winning 10 and drawing 2 of their first 12 league games they could only win 7, draw 2 and were beaten four times.

At the turnstiles Dynamo Dresden were quite the most popular team, pulling in a total of 337,000 for their 13 home games (average 25,923) and including away games topping the list of averages with 20.058. Magdeburg were not far behind; 22,923 being their home average and 19,365 overall. Strangely FC Carl Zeiss did better as a crowd puller away from home, attracting an average of only 11,000 to their home games and an average 16,307 to their games away from home. This suggests that Zeiss are the most popular club overall while Dresden are the best supported at home, though all three clubs are stacked out with international stars.

## Prestige

**THOUGH Ruch Chorzow had already made certain of the 1974-75 Polish championship, retaining the title they won a year ago, there were still three rounds of matches left for play when the last issue of World Soccer went to press.**

Not surprisingly perhaps, with nothing at stake, Ruch dropped points, losing 0-1 away to Arka Gdynia; 1-2 away to Zaglebie Sosnowiec and finally getting hammered 4-1 at home by Gwardia Warsaw after Ruch led 1-0 from the 7th minute.

Legia Warsaw finished with a little flourish after a long run of drawn games. Kazimierz Deyna scored twice in a 4-2 home win over Lech Poznan, one of them a penalty and then in the penultimate round the Army team were away to their old rivals Gornik Zabrze.

So often in recent years it's been Legia and Gornik fighting for the first two places in the league and often too they've faced each other in Cup Finals. This time nothing but prestige was at stake and for the best part of the game there was no score. Then after 54 minutes Deyna scored what could be his last league goal for Legia if he insists on retiring and that sparked off a five goals in 15 minutes spell that gave Legia a thundering 5-0 away win over their old enemy.

Stal Mielec, runners up throughout the campaign ended the season on a dismal note. Away to Szombierki Bytom, the home side led 1-0 before Grzegorz Lato equalised just before the interval and then with Stal winning 2-1 Lato got another with only two minutes left to complete a 3-1 win.

Then at home to unknowns GKS Tychy, who played defensively, Stal were beaten 0-1 and they ended the campaign with another defeat away to ROW Rybnik who had to win to avoid relegation. With ROW having everything to play for and nothing at stake for Stal on the last day one can understand the result, yet strangely, the never-give-up Lato got a consolation goal in the 85th minute, but ROW won 3-1.

In the scorers race Grzegorz Lato (Stal Mielec) finished in top place with 19 goals; Wisla Krakow's Kazimierz Kmiecik and Joachim Marx of Ruch Chorzow sharing second place with 15 each.

Strangely enough, Stal Mielec, who finished 6 points behind Ruch, actually lost the championship at home. True Lato with 19 goals got nearly half their total in 30 league games (40) while Ruch hit 61, but at home Ruch were almost invincible, winning 13, drawing 1 and losing 1. Stal on the other hand won 6 of their home games, drew another 6 and lost 3, dropping 12 home points compared to the 3 Ruch dropped at their huge bowl.

## Challengers

Away from home it was a very different matter, Stal gaining three more points than their rivals with 9 wins, 2 draws and 4 defeats while Ruch ended with 7 away wins, 3 draws and 5 defeats.

Stal Rzeszow, the FA Cup Winners from Division II, clinched their First Division place for next season winning the Southern Section with three points to spare over their closest challengers GKS Kattowice. Up with them go Widzew Lodz, whose other club, LKS Lodz started the season as if they were bound for relegation but finally survived.

Before the end of season tour of Canada and the USA, Poland's national squads had a good day against East Germany. In Halle the full side beat the DDR by 2-1 while the Under 23 team won 2-0 and the Under 21's drew 0-0

# DRESDEN FAIL
# DFV POKAL

In the touring party Kazimierz Deyna retains his place, suggesting that perhaps national team boss Kazimierz Gorski is hoping to persuade him to go on playing while, as expected, Gorski decided to do without World Cup star Robert Gadocha who is now playing in France. Gadocha's heir apparent is Jozef Kwiatkowski from Slask Wroclaw. Another absentee through injury is centre forward Andrzej Szarmach of Gornik whose place is taken by Zdzislaw Puszkarz who plays for Lechia Gdansk.

## Relegation

**THE last two rounds of the league programme in Czechoslovakia were real cliff hangers with everything left to play for on the last day of the season. The bottom half dozen clubs were all involved in the relegation struggle, prestige club Spartak Trnava had to win their last game to zoom up the table to a respectable position and above all the two Bratislava clubs, Slovan and Internacional, met on the latter's ground to decide the championship.**

A draw would have been enough to give Slovan the title they won last season while Inter had to win to give manager Valerian Svec his first title since he left Spartak Trnava. Svec did a great job motivating 'Loca' Petras and steering the club to within touching distance of the championship, but it was not to be.

Inter had been hanging about near the top for some weeks when in the penultimate round Slovan at home to relegation threatened Trinec were held to a 2-2 draw. Ivan Pekarik put Slovan ahead, Jan Svehlik made it 2-0 on the hour and the 13,000 crowd were ready to applaud the new champions when Trinec got a goal back. Slovan were hanging on then but right in the last minute Petr Svoboda levelled the scores at 2-2 to give Trinec an invaluable point — vital as it turned out — and rob Slovan of the clincher.

Not far away, Spartak Trnava beat Slovak neighbours VSS Kosica 1-0 with a goal in the second half from Tibor Jancula and on the final day they visited Prague for a battle with Slavia. The home side scored first but after 70 minutes Michal Gasparik equalised and with 11 minutes to spare Ludovit Badura gave Trnava a 2-1 win. Despite all the doubts, it now seems that Anton Malatinsky has the makings of a new team at Trnava.

Meanwhile other clubs were enjoying mixed fortunes. Inter, away to Banik Ostrava were drawing 1-1 when Ladislav Petras got the winner after 63 minutes that combined with Trinec's effort gave Inter a Championship final at home.

At the wrong end of the table Sparta crashed 0-2 away to Skoda Pizen who improved enormously in the second half of the campaign and LIAZ Jablonec the small town team experiencing their first ever taste of football at the top went down 2-1 away to bottom of the table Nitra. That left Jablonec with a home game from which they had to take at least one point to be sure of retaining their new status.

On the final day so much happened that it is difficult to know where to start. Perhaps headlines will provide an answer. "Sparta relegated" . . . "Slovan champions".

## Local derby

In Bratislava a crowd of almost 23,000 watched the local derby with everything at stake. Inter took first blood when Petras created a chance for Ladislav Jurkemik to score after only six minutes. Then after 14 minutes, Slovan's veteran inside left Karol Jokl produced a touch of his individual skill to equalise.

Around half time Slovan got two more goals that seemed to settle the issue, Jan Svehlik making it 2-1 before the break and stopper Anton Ondrus scoring from a penalty immediately after the re-start. 3-1 for Slovan. Seven minutes later Inter had a penalty, taken by the usually reliable Ladislav Petras but this time he failed and four minutes later he put Inter back in the game with a goal that made it 3-2 for Slovan. It could have been 3-3 had Petras scored from the penalty but that probably turned the game for before the end Svehlik made it 4-2 and Slovan were champions with Inter second.

In third place Bohemians were solid with no danger to their UEFA Cup place when they travelled to Trinec. Having conceded only 25 goals in the entire 29 league programme at that time it was unbelievable that they should be hammered 5-0 by a team that finished third from bottom while they were third from top. But that's how it was with Vladimir Onufrak getting a hat trick for Trinec and the other goals going to Jan Pospisil and Petr Svoboda.

More than 7,000 turned out in Jablonec, a team better known for its bijouterie than football but needing a point to be safe they went one better Rudolf Svoboda scoring both goals (one a penalty) in a 2-1 win over Plzen.

The way things worked out, everyone struggling to avoid the drop got points. Nitra were already booked but someone had to go with them. In Prague, 14,753 Sparta fans turned out to see their last game against Teplica in which Tomas Stransky settled the nerves with an early goal, Pavel Melichar added to Sparta's lead from the penalty spot and Vaclav Jiras, signed from Kladno during the winter and scorer of many vital goals, in the team from the start this time, made it 3-0 at half time.

## Late goals

Jiras made it 4-0 early in the second half and everyone was happy until the closing minutes when the news came through on the transistors that Trinec had scored two late goals to win 5-0 and make Sparta a Division II club for the first time in a proud history that goes back almost beyond living memory.

Ladislav Petras (Inter) topped the scorers list with 20 goals; Slovan's Jan Capkovic got 16 and Jan Strausz (VSS Kosice) hit 15.

Three days after the last league games relegated Sparta were at home to Spartak Trnava in the second leg of the Cup Final after losing 3-1 away. Only 3,000 turned up at Letna and Trnava won 1-0 with an 88th minute goals from international defender Karol Dobias.

# Largest number now competing

**THE North American Soccer League, now graced by the presence of Pele as a fully fledged member of the New York Cosmos and by the recent addition of Eusebio to the ranks of the Boston Minutemen on a loan basis from Benfica, began its life in a turmoil.**

After the success of the televising of the World Cup Final of 1966 on a slightly delayed basis (the delay was something like 15 minutes) to a continent that had never seen a vital international soccer game before, North American businessmen, ever alert to the possibility of making a fast dollar, decided that the time was right to introduce major league soccer coast to coast across the United States and Canada.

In fact so many of them wanted to jump on the bandwagon that two rival leagues were formed. The governing bodies of the game in the United States and Canada decided between them that there was not room for two leagues and urged them to join together and form just one league However, the two parties decided to stay apart and started lobbying for the right to be the one league that would be sanctioned. This right went to the United Soccer Association (U.S.A), but the other league the National Professional Soccer League decided to operate sanctioned or not and recruited players from all over the world for the 1967 season.

## Recruit

The USA on the other hand thought it best not to recruit players but whole teams and so they brought in clubs such as Wolves, Sunderland, Hibernian, Bangu, Cagliari, Stoke City, Glentoran, Shamrock Rovers and Aberdeen to represent them.

Neither league exactly set the world on fire and eventually in late December of 1967 the two bodies finally agreed to merge as one league—the North American Soccer League to operate in 1968. One major problem remained in cities in which two teams had existed. Which owner would retain the right to operate a team in the NASL? In some cases this was resolved by moving one team to another city— for example, the Chicago Spurs became the Kansas City Spurs while the Chicago Mustangs became the sole Chicago club In other cases a cash settlement was reached

Early in 1968 the NASL was ready to go and its games like those of the NPSL the year earlier would be shown live coast to coast on the CBS Television Network. As in 1967 Jack Whittaker was to be the commentator but unlike 1967 Danny Blanchflower would not be the analyst. Blanchflower, who liked to call a spade a spade and a poor shot a poor shot, was not appreciated by owners trying to introduce a third class product as first class. Blanchflower was replaced by Mario Machado who was much more to the liking of the new soccer czars.

But despite all the efforts of Whittaker and Machado and all the league's public relations men to introduce a positive approach, the fans knew either that this was an apology for the real thing or that the fare being offered up was no match for major league football or baseball. The writing was on the wall long before the season ended and even the league office stopped compiling statistics ere the final games were played.

## Owners

One by one the owners announced that their clubs would not be operating in the 1969 season and eventually only five out of 17 retained any interest and even then that interest was only maintained by a select few men. Among them were Phil Woosnam, who had coached the Atlanta Chiefs to the championship in 1968, Lamar Hunt owner of the Dallas Tornado and Clive Toye, General Manager of the Baltimore Bays.

Finally, and without any of the fanfare and ballyhoo of the 1968 season, the NASL operated with just five teams in 1969 learning from their mistakes in the previous year and now trying to build a foundation. Woosnam and Toye after two years in the U.S. had learned that in order to attain any success the league had to do things the American way both, business wise and in the idiom of the sports world.

## Minimum

**Woosnam, in particular, logged millions of air miles flying back and fourth across the continent trying to convince businessmen to invest their money in franchises, detailing how with limited budgeting, losses could be kept to a minimum, and always holding out the prospect that by buying in now at low prices the owner could reap unbelievable rewards in the future when the game became big time.**

For the 1970 season the league increased from five to six teams with Baltimore dropping out but Rochester and Washington, long the strongest teams in the American Soccer League, joining in. Things began to look a little brighter again and for 1971 the league increased to eight teams, but all the more important for the first time since 1968 the NASL had teams in New York and Toronto, long considered two key soccer cities. True Kansas City had dropped out but to compensate for this a new club sprang up in Montreal.

Once again the league took a step forward as attendances began to rise and the league gained some of its lost credibility back. For 1972 the league remained stable at eight teams but the Washington Darts franchise was moved to Miami as a result of the lack of interest in the U.S. capital.

For 1973 one team was added; the Philadelphia Atoms and two teams changed ownership with the Atlanta Chiefs becoming the Atlanta Apollos and the Miami Gatos becoming the Miami Toros. The Atoms responded by winning the championship in their first year and attracting large crowds to see them play some of the finest soccer seen in the NASL since 1968. What was more they were coached almost unbelievably by an American—Al Miller by name whose only previous coaching experience was in American colleges. At that time American born coaches in professional soccer were extremely rare but in 1973 Miller gave a tremendous boost to both American coaches and the U.S. native game.

## Ownership

By now all of the hard work of Woosnam, Hunt and Toye accompanied by numerous others in ownership and management was beginning to show signs of paying off. The NASL had learned its lesson from the debacle of 1968 well and for the 1974 season the membership jumped dramatically from nine to 15 teams with new franchises in Baltimore, Boston, Denver, Los Angeles, San Jose, Seattle, Vancouver and Washington. Meanwhile two teams gave up the struggle—Atlanta and Montreal.

For the current season there was yet another jump from 15 to 20 teams the largest number ever. New clubs were formed in Chicago (first time since 1968), Hartford, Portland, San Antonio and Tampa. Attendances were still on the rise but most of the teams were still in the red as they had always been. However, careful budgeting and intelligent scheduling of games had reduced the deficits to managable proportions for most clubs, holding open the door to a brighter future.

After four years in the league one club remained a major problem—Toronto. Long thought to be one of North America's soccer hotbeds, Toronto had consistently failed, even in winning years with attractive teams, to draw at the gate. The problem

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seemed to lie in the plethora of professional soccer available in that city and the ethnic make-up of the soccer fans.

For the 1975 season an amalgam was attempted between the two groups with the Metros combining with Croatia, the most successful of the ethic teams. But so far this season even that has failed while games between the strongest local clubs attract far more fans than the NASL.

This undoubtedly will be the most successful season the NASL has yet enjoyed with one or two exceptions. Already San Jose and Seattle the big successes of last season are playing to sell out crowds while New York attendances will take a dramatic jump now that Pele has donned a Cosmos uniform.

The future of the NASL can be bright but for the major centres the standard must be improved dramatically if the fans are to be attracted. The signing of Pele may well help to draw other players to the league and if so this may well be another plus to add to his obvious value in terms of publicity for the game and the league and as a superstar for the young players to emulate.

### NASL CHAMPIONS

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|---|---|
| 1967 | U.S.A.—Los Angeles Wolves |
| | N.P.S.L.—Oakland Clippers |
| 1968 | Atlanta Chiefs |
| 1969 | Kansas City Spurs |
| 1970 | Rochester Lancers |
| 1971 | Dallas Tornado |
| 1972 | New York Cosmos |
| 1973 | Philadelphia Atoms |
| 1974 | Los Angeles Aztecs |

### NASL MEMBERSHIP—YEAR BY YEAR

| | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta Apollos | | | | | | | | | |
| Atlanta Chiefs | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | | |
| Baltimore Bays | x | x | x | | | | | | |
| Baltimore Comets | | | | | | | | x | x |
| Boston Beacons | | x | | | | | | | |
| Boston Minutemen | | | | | | | | x | x |
| Chicago Mustangs | | x | | | | | | | |
| Chicago Spurs | x | | | | | | | | |
| Chicago Sting | | | | | | | | | x |
| Cleveland Stokers | | x | | | | | | | |
| Dallas Tornado | | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Denver Dynamo | | | | | | | | x | x |
| Detroit Cougars | | x | | | | | | | |
| Hartford Bi-Centennials | | | | | | | | | x |
| Houston Stars | | x | | | | | | | |
| Kansas City Spurs | | x | x | x | | | | | |
| Los Angeles Aztecs | | | | | | | | x | x |
| Los Angeles Toros | x | | | | | | | | |
| Los Angeles Wolves | | x | | | | | | | |
| Miami Gatos | | | | | | x | | | |
| Miami Toros | | | | | | | x | x | x |
| Montreal Olympique | | | | | x | x | x | | |
| New York Cosmos | | | | | x | x | x | x | x |
| New York Generals | x | x | | | | | | | |
| Oakland Clippers | x | x | | | | | | | |
| Philadelphia Atoms | | | | | | | x | x | x |
| Philadelphia Spartans | x | | | | | | | | |
| Pittsburg Phantoms | x | | | | | | | | |
| Portland Timbers | | | | | | | | | x |
| Rochester Lancers | | | | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| St Louis Stars | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| San Antonio Thunder | | | | | | | | | x |
| San Diego Toros | | x | | | | | | | |
| San Jose Earthquakes | | | | | | | | x | x |
| Seattle Sounders | | | | | | | | x | x |
| Tampa Bay Rowdies | | | | | | | | | x |
| Toronto Falcons | x | x | | | | | | | |
| Toronto Metros | | | | | x | x | x | x | |
| Toronto Metros-Croatia | | | | | | | | | x |
| Vancouver Royals | | x | | | | | | | |
| Vancouver Whitecaps | | | | | | | | x | x |
| Washington Darts | | | | x | x | | | | |
| Washington Diplomats | | | | | | | | x | x |
| Washington Whips | | x | | | | | | | |
| Total Clubs per Year | 10 | 17 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 15 | 20 |

The year 1967 refers to the NPSL which although the outlawed league was really the beginning of the NASL. Only one club the St Louis Stars has played in every season while Dallas a member of the U.S.A. in 1967 can also be considered a charter member of the league.

David Chadwick, George Ley, Ron Newman (Manager), Dick Reynolds and Peter Cramer of the Dallas Tornados.

# World Cup 'replay' unrecognisable

**Rumania 6, Denmark 1**

**HAVING failed to make any impression in their opening games with their foreign based professionals, the Danes decided to blood their team preparing for the Olympic games qualifying competition.**

However they proved to be no match for the full Rumanian side though significantly it was not until six minutes after goalkeeper Benno Larsen had been carried off that Europe's top league scorer, Dudu Georgescu, scored the first goal after 28 minutes.

The Danes were content to defend and counter attack and inevitably the Rumanians were on top throughout, though meeting spirited resistance. It was not until five minutes before the interval that Crisan made it 2-0 and on the hour the same player increased the lead to three. Soon after that the Danes began to run out of steam and in the last fifteen minutes the Rumanians doubled their score through Georgescu, Lucescu and Dinu. With three minutes left the Rumanians relaxed as so many teams do when wianing by 6-0 margins and Peter Dahl chipped in a consolation goal.

**Rumania:** Radusanu; Cheran, Satmareanu II, Sandu, Angheliny Dumitru (Balaci), Dinu, Georgescu; Crisan, Dobrin (Kun), Lucescu.

**Denmark:** Larsen (B) (Poulsen), Mortensen, Jensen, Larsen (L), Rasmussen; Sorensen (Nielsen (F)), Olsen, Jorgensen; Mauritsen, Dahl, Nielsen (E)

**Scotland 1, Portugal 0**

**STILL seeking to improve his side, Scottish team manager Willie Ormond made several experiments but must have been well satisfied with the look of his new defence. Despite his excesses at club level, McQueen looked solid and with the elegant Buchan alongside him and Jardine and McGrain on the flanks this was the most accomplished portion of the team.**

Charlie Cooke in midfield showed his skill with little effect though it now seems that Kenny Dalglish is to be used in the role that suits him best — free to come forward from midfield. It was as well that the back four were able to look after themselves for neither Rioch, Cooke or Dalglish are enthusiastic defensive players and it is in this region that the problems lie. MacDougall and Parlane have proved to be an effective striking pair, Parlane justifying the promise he showed at Wembley two years ago but there is no consistently effective link between defence and attack.

Just before half time Artur gave Scotland the only goal of the game when Damas knocked the ball against his legs, saving a header from McQueen and on into his own net. Despite the substitutions, Macari for Rioch and Duncan for Hutchison who dropped back to replace Cooke, Scotland's attack continued to fire on only three cylinders.

**West Germany 1, Holland 1**

**THIS was originally intended to be a revenge-match for the World Cup final last July but in fact the two teams were unrecognisable as those that met in Munich. New Dutch boss Georg Knobel built on the good showing of his unknowns against Belgium recently and with Jan Peters proving to be a real discovery (he plays Second Division football in Holland) the new Oranje were greeted as an undeserved success.**

Not a total football team in the sense once applied to Ajax but a very good team in the making nevertheless. With the West Germans still to recover from the loss of half their side a query must be held over the potential of some of the adjectives used in the Dutch press, until they meet stiffer opposition, but there is no doubt that Knobel is on the right track.

Herbert Wimmer scored an early goal for the Germans and was later taken off still troubled by an old injury that threatens his career but little was seen of the German attack and it seems likely they are going to go through a lengthy period before they find suitable young strikers. In the second half, almost exactly at the time Wimmer struck for Germany, the Dutch equalised with Franz Beckenbauer caught flat-footed when Sepp Maier produced one of his monumental errors. Reaching to a high cross Maier failed to hold the ball, Suurbier was on hand thrashing away at the loose ball and with no one to challenge him, Wim Van Hanegem crashed the rebound into the net.

**Northern Ireland 0, England 0**

**COLIN VILJOEN made his long awaited debut for England but altogether this was probably England's most unsatisfactory performance of the season. Denis Tueart made a very quiet debut too and it looks as if Colin Bell cannot produce his best in midfield unless he is the chief engineer — which he will never be with Ball around.**

Pat Jennings was equal to everything demanded of him — which wasn't much — and once more eleven green heroes, some of them unknowns, humbled England. Even yesterday's hero five-goal Malcolm Macdonald failed to make a significant contribution and when Don Revie brought on Mick Channon which made no improvement to the English attack. Macdonald can be regarded as unlucky that he was the one to go off ... it could have been anyone bar Ray Clemence and Colin Todd.

**Wales 2, Scotland 2**

**GOING through one of their best periods for years, the Welshmen thoroughly frightened Scotland with a performance that delighted the 23,000 crowd at Ninian Park.**

John Toshack scored the opening goal before Wales went two up with a picture book goal scored by Brian Flynn. This was the kind of goal we have waited years to see from England and no doubt we'll have to wait a lot longer with high crosses still England's best loved attacking weapon. Scotland recovered in the second half despite losing Colin Jackson (who I liked) through injury. I like Martin Buchan too but that doesn't get either of them a place in the side.

However, after Stewart Kennedy had done much to keep the Welsh score down his opposite number Dai Davies made a grave error in coming out to a high cross, competing with two colleagues and not calling to give Jackson the chance to score. Bruce Rioch then let fly with a Sunday shot to make it 2-2 and after that Scotland came very close to winning with shots from McQueen (a fine volley) and Parlane hitting posts and another volley from Macdougall being well saved.

**Russia 2, Eire 1**

**FOUR days after they had enchanted most people (I am amongst those who prefer to see people in the flesh before passing judgement) Dynamo Kiev wore the CCCP shirts to gain two valuable points in front of a 100,000 crowd at what was called not long ago the Nikita Kruschev stadium.**

Oleg Blokhin got the game off to a good start, scoring after 11 minutes with a left foot shot that was preceded by a nut-meg handed out to Tony Dunne.

Veremeev then produced a well judged cross from the right and Victor Koletov, timing his run to perfection increased the Russians' lead with a superb diving header after 29 minutes. The Russians had been in general control throughout with the Republic of Ireland threatening only in rare breakaways. Steve Heighway had a good chance, through with only the goalkeeper to beat but Yevgeni Rudakov, now well past his best and sure to prove a problem under pressure, saved well.

Irish goalkeeper Paddy Roche had far more to do and did it well having no

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Czechoslovakia's first goal in the 5-0 win over Portugal scored by Premyal Bicovsky (7).

chance with the two goals he conceded. But Rudakov erred near the end when he went out to a high cross and failed to hold the ball, presumably mistiming his jump, and Hand had the simplest of tasks to push the ball into an empty net.

### Scotland 3, Northern Ireland 0

**SCOTTISH fans were no doubt delighted with another drab game which Scotland won largely through the injury to Allan Hunter and the absence of experienced reserves in the Irish camp. This time, however, there were some good goals to send the crowd home happy.**

I liked the one scored by Dalglish, who went short for a throw-in and suddenly turned to break away into space and receive a perfectly laid throw, run on to score from an acute angle.

Derek Parlane's goal — his first for Scotland — was almost as good, coming as it did from a nicely judged through ball, perfectly laid by Dalglish. The other goal was fair, a deep corner headed back across goal by Frank Munro where he found Ted Macdougall who jumped to score with a glancing header that appeared to go in off an ear.

However, it looked as if Ireland had given too much to the England game and hadn't recovered sufficiently to give Scotland a real test.

### England 2, Wales 2

**WALES did to England what they had done to Scotland a few days earlier carrying the game to the England goal, even causing no little panic on occasions in the second half and finally settling for a draw.**

John Toshack got a vital first goal, just as he did in the World Cup draw (1-1) in 1973 with a back header from a corner but despite the obvious talents of Leighton James their second goal was the result of an error in the England rearguard. A cross from the right saw Ian Gillard chest the ball down in the goalmouth always the mark of either great coolness or absolute folly and this was immediately followed by a momentary hesitation between Todd and Gillard. While they each left the ball to the other, Arfon Griffiths nipped between them to score.

At the other end Dai Davies again made a boo-boo upstairs, satisfying me that he doesn't call which is vital for goalkeepers, and David Johnson of Ipswich became the England hero, until next season, by scoring both goals.

### Northern Ireland 1, Wales 0

**A WIN in Belfast would have given Wales a chance of sharing the British championship but Northern Ireland deserved to win what turned out to be Wales' poorest performance of the week.**

Clearly they missed Toshack (injured) and Showers of Cardiff City was no substitute. Both these sides can only be relied on when they are able to field their first choice XI and with everyone fully fit, for they lack the depth of reserves available to both England and Scotland.

The game itself was a disappointment though thankfully for the 17,000 cash customers never as diabolical as the previous meeting of these two sides at Wrexham last season.

The only goal came after 24 minutes when Davies again demonstrated a weakness on the cross that was hidden all last season with Everton. A corner taken by Dave Clements saw Davies tempted out but allowing the ball to run loose and among a scramble of arms and legs and Tom Finney (no relation, no resemblance) got the vital foot to the ball.

Wales threatened in flashes, most of them coming from James who would do well played with Dave Thomas on the other flank were he an Englishman but the closest they came to beating Jennings was in the second half when Showers headed against the bar. Wales thus finished bottom of the four country table, a fate they didn't deserve.

### England 5, Scotland 1

**MANY people made Scotland favourites before the game though personally I had no preference, largely because I find myself unable to reconcile my views with either manager.**

How Ormond can omit Martin Buchan and Revie do the same with Dave Thomas is beyond my understanding, were it not for the knowledge that efficiency counts for more than skill and intelligence to say nothing of entertainment value these days in the thinking of most managers.

The game however was won and lost in the first few minutes, largely I suspect because of Wembley nerves by Stewart Kennedy, the Rangers 'keeper. After five minutes, Gerry Francis was given time (without a challenge) to line himself up for a shot from around 25 yards, well struck but stoppable from that distance by a good goalkeeper and Scotland were one down. Within two minutes Kevin Beattie moved up well from left back to head a second goal and the Scottish morale never recovered.

One or two Scottish players kept plugging away but there was a general lack of confidence in their collective play after that disastrous opening and even a clear penalty (for hands) against Todd which Rioch scored from, could not lift them. Bell, Francis and Johnson completed the England scoring and on paper a 5-1 win against Scotland combined with Don Revie's record of five wins and three draws in eight games looks good, I remain unimpressed.

### Switzerland 1, Eire 0

**THE apparent rise in the Republic of Ireland's fortunes around the time of their 3-0 win over the Soviet Union is now seen to have been a reflection of Russian impotence rather than any growth in their own stature.**

Perhaps even more than Northern Ireland and Wales, Eire is forced to play too many second and third class players ever to achieve any distinction without a great deal of luck. Of course Don Givens and Terry Conroy are good players and one has to feel sympathetic towards Paddy Roche in goal but facts have to be faced, in football as in anything else.

A 15,000 crowd at the Wankdorf stadium in Berne saw an unexciting and largely uninspired game. Any honours going must be shared between the Swiss veteran Kobi Kuhn and his ultimate successor Rene Botteron but the game looked as if it was dying into a goal-less draw when suddenly with 15 minutes left the Irish defence got itself into a terrible mess and Rudolf Elsener, a substitute who had come on for centre forward Kurt Muller only five minutes before, snatched the vital goal.

### Sweden 4, Algeria 0

**SWEDEN staged this game in preparation for the vital test against Yugoslavia and were able to include five 'exports' . . . Bjorn Nordquist, Ove Grahn, Ralf Edstrom, Connie Torstensson and Roland Sandberg, who helped to pull in a 15,000 crowd in Halmstadt.**

The home side proved much too strong for the North Africans, scoring twice in the first 15 minutes through Sandberg

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# EUROPEAN LEAGUE REVIEW

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## SPAIN

| | ESPANOL | CELTA | LAS PALMAS | BETIS | HERCULES | MURCIA | VALENCIA | REAL MADRID | GIJON | ZARAGOZZA | MALAGA | BILBAO | SOCIEDAD | BARCELONA | SALAMANCA | ELCHE | ATH. MADRID | GRANADA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ESPANOL | — | 2-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 5-3 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 4-3 | 0-1 | 5-2 | 1-0 | 2-1 | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| CELTA | 2-0 | — | 1-0 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 3-3 | 2-0 | 2-0 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 3-0 |
| LAS PALMAS | 2-0 | 3-1 | — | 3-1 | 0-0 | 5-0 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 4-0 |
| BETIS | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | — | 3-0 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 1-3 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 2-1 | 3-0 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 1-1 |
| HERCULES | 2-1 | 0-0 | 3-1 | 2-3 | — | 2-2 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 2-1 | 1-0 | 3-2 | 0-1 |
| MURCIA | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-1 | — | 1-5 | 2-2 | 2-1 | 1-5 | 2-0 | 2-4 | 2-2 | 0-2 | 2-1 | 2-0 | 3-1 | 0-0 |
| VALENCIA | 1-1 | 2-0 | 2-1 | 3-1 | 1-0 | 1-2 | — | 1-2 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 2-0 | 3-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 2-2 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 7-1 |
| REAL MADRID | 5-0 | 4-1 | 4-1 | 3-2 | 2-1 | 4-1 | 3-2 | — | 0-0 | 1-0 | 4-0 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 5-1 | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| GIJON | 2-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 2-0 | 2-1 | 1-0 | 2-1 | 2-0 | — | 2-0 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 2-1 | 3-1 | 2-2 | 5-1 |
| ZARAGOZZA | 1-0 | 4-2 | 3-1 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 5-0 | 3-1 | 6-1 | 3-1 | — | 1-0 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 3-3 | 3-1 | 4-1 |
| MALAGA | 2-0 | 3-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 3-1 | 1-0 | 1-3 | 3-1 | 1-0 | — | 2-0 | 2-0 | 3-2 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 |
| BILBAO | 1-0 | 3-0 | 2-1 | 0-1 | 2-2 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 1-4 | 4-0 | 3-1 | — | 2-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 1-0 |
| SOCIEDAD | 2-0 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 2-0 | 2-2 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 3-0 | — | 3-2 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 2-0 |
| BARCELONA | 4-1 | 4-0 | 3-2 | 3-0 | 0-0 | 3-1 | 5-2 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 5-0 | 4-0 | 2-0 | — | 3-1 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 2-1 |
| SALAMANCA | 2-0 | 0-0 | 2-1 | 2-0 | 0-1 | 3-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 3-3 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | — | 2-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 |
| ELCHE | 2-4 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 0-1 | 3-0 | 2-1 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 1-0 | 3-0 | 1-0 | 0-1 | — | 1-0 | 2-1 |
| ATH. MADRID | 2-0 | 0-0 | 4-0 | 4-1 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 5-2 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 4-0 | 2-1 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 3-3 | 0-0 | 3-0 | — | 0-0 |
| GRANADA | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 2-1 | 3-3 | 2-1 | 3-0 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 5-0 | 0-0 | — |

## BELGIUM

| | CHARLEROI | OSTENDE | BEERSCHOT | MONTIGNES | DIEST | LIERSE | LOKEVEN | C.S. BRUGES | R.W.D.M. | BERSCHEM | F.C. BRUGES | BEVEREN WAAS | WINTERSLAG | STANDARD | MALINES | BERINGEN | LIEGE | ANTWERP | WAREGEM | ANDERLECHT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CHARLEROI | — | 1-0 | 1-0 | 7-1 | 3-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 1-5 | 2-2 | 0-2 | 1-0 | 2-1 | 0-4 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 1-0 | 2- |
| OSTENDE | 1-1 | — | 0-1 | 3-3 | 3-1 | 2-4 | 2-2 | 4-2 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 1-4 | 3-0 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 2-0 | 2-1 | 3-1 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 0- |
| BEERSCHOT | 2-0 | 1-0 | — | 1-0 | 2-0 | 2-0 | 2-0 | 1-3 | 0-0 | 4-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 4-2 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 3-4 | 4-2 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 1- |
| MONTIGNES | 1-1 | 3-1 | 0-3 | — | 1-2 | 2-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-4 | 2-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 2-1 | 1-0 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0- |
| DIEST | 4-1 | 2-0 | 2-2 | 1-1 | — | 0-2 | 0-2 | 2-3 | 2-0 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-2 | 0-2 | 1- |
| LIERSE | 3-1 | 2-2 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 2-1 | — | 5-1 | 1-1 | 1-4 | 2-0 | 4-4 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 2-1 | 0-1 | 2-0 | 4-1 | 2-0 | 3-1 | 1- |
| LOKEREN | 2-0 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 3-0 | 2-1 | 4-0 | — | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 4-0 | 2-3 | 4-2 | 3-1 | 1- |
| C.S. BRUGES | 5-1 | 2-1 | 0-2 | 4-2 | 2-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | — | 1-0 | 2-1 | 0-2 | 4-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0- |
| R.W.D.M. | 1-1 | 5-3 | 3-1 | 4-1 | 7-1 | 2-1 | 3-1 | 3-0 | — | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 5-1 | 3-2 | 3-2 | 3-0 | 3-1 | 2-0 | 3-1 | 1- |
| BERSCHEM | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 3-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 2-3 | — | 1-0 | 0-0 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1- |
| F. C. BRUGES | 2-2 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 8-0 | 5-0 | 4-0 | 2-2 | 2-0 | 2-2 | 0-3 | — | 1-1 | 7-0 | 2-0 | 2-0 | 2-2 | 3-1 | 0-0 | 5-0 | 3- |
| BEVEREN WAAS | 2-0 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 2-0 | 2-1 | 2-0 | 3-1 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | — | 2-1 | 2-1 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 0- |
| WINTERSLAG | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 1-4 | 1-1 | 0-2 | 0-3 | — | 2-3 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-3 | 1-4 | 0-5 | 0- |
| STANDARD | 3-1 | 5-2 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 4-0 | 3-0 | 3-1 | 1-0 | 3-3 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 1-0 | 0-0 | — | 1-0 | 4-1 | 3-1 | 2-0 | 2-0 | 0- |
| MALINES | 1-2 | 2-4 | 1-0 | 3-0 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 0-4 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 2-0 | — | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-5 | 0-1 | 0- |
| BERINGEN | 2-0 | 2-2 | 2-1 | 6-1 | 2-1 | 3-0 | 2-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 2-4 | 2-0 | 3-0 | 0-3 | 1-0 | — | 1-0 | 2-1 | 0-1 | 1- |
| LIEGE | 0-1 | 2-2 | 0-4 | 3-0 | 3-2 | 1-0 | 3-1 | 2-0 | 0-1 | 3-1 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 3-3 | 2-0 | 3-2 | 2-1 | — | 0-2 | 0-1 | 1- |
| ANTWERP | 3-1 | 7-0 | 0-2 | 7-1 | 3-0 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 2-0 | 3-3 | 4-0 | 3-2 | 2-0 | 4-0 | 2-0 | 4-0 | 2-0 | 1-0 | — | 1-0 | 0- |
| WAREGEM | 1-1 | 4-1 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 1-0 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 2-0 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 6-0 | 1-0 | 4-0 | 0-0 | 2-1 | 0-3 | 1-1 | — | 0- |
| ANDERLECHT | 2-2 | 6-2 | 1-0 | 4-1 | 3-2 | 2-0 | 5-0 | 4-1 | 1-1 | 5-0 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 3-0 | 2-0 | 4-0 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 2-2 | — |

## ITALY

| | BOLOGNA | JUVENTUS | VICENZA | CAGLIARI | LAZIO | MILAN | SAMPDORIA | NAPLES | ASCOLI | TERNANA | FIORENTINA | TORINO | A.C. ROMA | VARESE | INTERNATIONALE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BOLOGNA | — | 2-1 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 1-3 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 2-1 |
| JUVENTUS | 0-0 | — | 5-0 | 1-0 | 4-0 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 4-0 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 3-0 | 1-0 |
| VICENZA | 0-1 | 1-2 | — | 0-0 | 1-2 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 1-3 |
| CAGLIARI | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | — | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 2-0 | 2-1 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 0-1 |
| LAZIO | 1-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | — | 3-0 | 3-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-5 | 0-1 | 2-0 | 1-2 |
| A.C. MILAN | 3-0 | 0-2 | 1-0 | 0-0* | 1-1 | — | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-0 | 3-1 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 1-1† | 4-0 | 3-0† |
| SAMPDORIA | 1-0 | 1-3 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 2-4 | — | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 3-4 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-1 |
| NAPLES | 1-0 | 2-6 | 2-0 | 5-0 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 2-2 | — | 3-1 | 7-1 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 3-0 | 3-2 |
| ASCOLI | 1-3 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 1-1 | — | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 2-0 | 0-0 |
| TERNANA | 0-0 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 1-3 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-0 | — | 0-1 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 2-0 | 0-0 |
| FIORENTINA | 1-0 | 4-1 | 0-0 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-2 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 2-0 | — | 2-2 | 0-0 | 2-0 | 1-1 |
| TORINO | 3-3 | 3-2 | 2-1 | 1-0 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 2-1 | — | 1-0 | 3-1 | 2-3 |
| A.C. ROMA | 2-1 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 4-2 | 1-0 | 0-1 | — | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| VARESE | 1-4 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 4-0 | 0-2 | 3-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | — | 2-0 |
| INTER MILAN | 1-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 4-1 | 3-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-2 | 1-0 | — |
| CESENA | 2-2 | 0-1 | 3-1 | 2-1 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 |

* at Mantova  † at Verona

# HUNGARY

| | TATABANYA | VIDEOTON | DYOSGYOR | PECS | CSEPEL | FERENCVAROS | SALJOTARJAN | HALADAS | BEKESCSABA | MTK-VM | ZALAEGERSZEG | VASAS | UJPEST | RABA ETO | HONVED |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TATABANYA | — | 11 | 00 | 21 | 10 | 20 | 31 | 01 | 10 | 20 | 03 | 21 | 02 | 40 | 02 |
| VIDEOTON | 61 | — | 00 | 10 | 01 | 11 | 31 | 10 | 01 | 11 | 10 | 33 | 11 | 32 | 11 |
| DYOSGYOR | 21 | 11 | — | 01 | 21 | 11 | 00 | 62 | 03 | 00 | 20 | 31 | 00 | 00 | 11 |
| PECS | 00 | 01 | 01 | — | 02 | 11 | 12 | 02 | 11 | 31 | 00 | 20 | 42 | 21 | 00 |
| CSEPEL | 01 | 31 | 11 | 21 | — | 00 | 00 | 21 | 00 | 00 | 20 | 40 | 01 | 10 | 11 |
| FERENCVAROS | 11 | 23 | 21 | 10 | 31 | — | 41 | 10 | 00 | 42 | 11 | 33 | 22 | 61 | 11 |
| SALJOTARJAN | 10 | 12 | 20 | 10 | 31 | 00 | — | 11 | 20 | 10 | 20 | 02 | 11 | 02 | 23 |
| HALADAS | 10 | 21 | 30 | 12 | 12 | 01 | 00 | — | 32 | 00 | 21 | 11 | 12 | 30 | 02 |
| BEKESCSABA | 21 | 00 | 01 | 33 | 34 | 10 | 01 | 00 | — | 31 | 00 | 00 | 02 | 12 | 13 |
| M.T.K.—V.M. | 10 | 11 | 41 | 11 | 10 | 00 | 21 | 41 | 20 | — | 41 | 20 | 13 | 10 | 01 |
| ZALAEGERSZEG | 41 | 21 | 00 | 20 | 01 | 03 | 41 | 21 | 10 | 20 | — | 21 | 02 | 10 | 10 |
| VASAS | 31 | 30 | 20 | 11 | 32 | 04 | 24 | 11 | 12 | 42 | 31 | — | 30 | 10 | 11 |
| UJPEST | 52 | 20 | 20 | 51 | 31 | 31 | 53 | 80 | 10 | 41 | 42 | 31 | — | 54 | 11 |
| RABA ETO | 00 | 50 | 42 | 10 | 01 | 21 | 31 | 10 | 11 | 20 | 20 | 12 | 31 | — | 33 |
| HONVED | 21 | 41 | 51 | 51 | 11 | 11 | 30 | 30 | 20 | 31 | 10 | 10 | 01 | 20 | — |

# WEST GERMANY

| | B.M.G. | HAMBURG | COLOGNE | ESSEN | EINT. BRUNS | T.B. BERLIN | HERTHA | FORTUNA | OFFENBACH | BAYERN | SCHALKE | KAISERS'N | STUTTGART | BOCHUM | W. BREMEN | EINT FRANK | WUPPERTAL | DUISBURG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BORUSSIA M. GLADBACH | — | 13 | 11 | 11 | 20 | 31 | 11 | 31 | 52 | 12 | 10 | 30 | 51 | 30 | 42 | 30 | 62 | 41 |
| HAMBURG | 11 | — | 31 | 22 | 00 | 40 | 11 | 21 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 20 | 10 | 32 | 20 | 31 | 41 | 23 |
| COLOGNE | 12 | 40 | — | 01 | 30 | 71 | 21 | 22 | 01 | 10 | 42 | 20 | 42 | 41 | 31 | 00 | 40 | 42 |
| ROT WEISS ESSEN | 13 | 00 | 11 | — | 12 | 32 | 21 | 12 | 51 | 22 | 44 | 31 | 31 | 11 | 11 | 05 | 20 | 30 |
| EINTRACHT BRUNSWICK | 13 | 12 | 14 | 42 | — | 50 | 21 | 30 | 10 | 31 | 10 | 30 | 60 | 20 | 00 | 20 | 11 | 41 |
| TENNIS BORUSSIA BERLIN | 14 | 03 | 23 | 10 | 22 | — | 03 | 14 | 02 | 22 | 02 | 32 | 11 | 20 | 40 | 14 | 00 | 23 |
| HERTHA BERLIN | 21 | 10 | 11 | 42 | 31 | 21 | — | 33 | 41 | 41 | 10 | 21 | 40 | 42 | 20 | 21 | 20 | 30 |
| FORTUNA DUSSELDORF | 32 | 00 | 30 | 40 | 22 | 32 | 00 | — | 32 | 65 | 21 | 20 | 40 | 01 | 41 | 22 | 20 | 11 |
| OFFENBACH KICKERS | 43 | 41 | 14 | 13 | 21 | 32 | 31 | 23 | — | 60 | 30 | 22 | 31 | 20 | 51 | 21 | 31 | 33 |
| BAYERN MUNICH | 11 | 01 | 63 | 22 | 10 | 31 | 21 | 40 | 23 | — | 02 | 25 | 11 | 21 | 20 | 21 | 31 | 21 |
| SCHALKE | 13 | 31 | 11 | 30 | 11 | 30 | 10 | 30 | 20 | 22 | — | 21 | 20 | 10 | 20 | 11 | 10 | 50 |
| KAISERSLAUTERN | 13 | 10 | 11 | 20 | 20 | 40 | 30 | 10 | 12 | 01 | 11 | — | 60 | 10 | 41 | 22 | 20 | 20 |
| STUTTGART | 12 | 12 | 20 | 32 | 00 | 21 | 12 | 11 | 31 | 12 | 31 | 01 | — | 10 | 22 | 34 | 51 | 21 |
| BOCHUM | 00 | 42 | 32 | 22 | 10 | 00 | 40 | 42 | 31 | 30 | 21 | 40 | 10 | — | 51 | 31 | 42 | 12 |
| WERDER BREMEN | 14 | 10 | 41 | 00 | 00 | 11 | 40 | 00 | 36 | 02 | 01 | 31 | 52 | 01 | — | 03 | 21 | 31 |
| EINTRACHT FRANKFURT | 11 | 13 | 32 | 91 | 20 | 71 | 12 | 40 | 00 | 20 | 21 | 51 | 55 | 41 | 21 | — | 50 | 41 |
| WUPPERTAL | 15 | 04 | 14 | 02 | 01 | 20 | 00 | 23 | 00 | 31 | 01 | 33 | 22 | 11 | 24 | 23 | — | 14 |
| DUISBERG | 11 | 20 | 13 | 33 | 32 | 23 | 13 | 03 | 21 | 21 | 20 | 32 | 33 | 31 | 40 | 13 | 22 | — |

# POLAND

| | RUCH | GORNIK | STAL | LEGIA | WISLA | LODZ | ROW | POGON | GWARDIA | LECH | ZAGLBIE | POLONIA | SLASK | SZOMBIERKI | TYCHY | ARKA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| RUCH CHORZOW | — | 31 | 21 | 20 | 32 | 31 | 31 | 21 | 14 | 50 | 10 | 40 | 11 | 31 | 40 | 60 |
| GORNIK ZABRZE | 11 | — | 12 | 05 | 32 | 00 | 11 | 41 | 11 | 30 | 22 | 11 | 22 | 11 | 41 | 30 |
| STAL MIELEC | 10 | 22 | — | 31 | 01 | 00 | 10 | 11 | 10 | 22 | 30 | 11 | 11 | 01 | 01 | 21 |
| LEGIA WARSAW | 12 | 21 | 01 | — | 21 | 20 | 01 | 11 | 00 | 42 | 00 | 22 | 11 | 31 | 11 | 42 |
| WISLA KRAKOW | 21 | 02 | 11 | 20 | — | 31 | 20 | 30 | 00 | 20 | 02 | 21 | 30 | 11 | 11 | 20 |
| LKS LODZ | 12 | 21 | 10 | 21 | 02 | — | 00 | 10 | 21 | 30 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 22 | 11 | 20 |
| ROW RYGNIK | 21 | 03 | 31 | 11 | 00 | 00 | — | 20 | 10 | 11 | 22 | 10 | 13 | 30 | 00 | 20 |
| POGON SZCZZIN | 01 | 41 | 02 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 50 | — | 00 | 21 | 20 | 01 | 01 | 52 | 10 | 21 |
| GWARDIA WARSAW | 13 | 21 | 03 | 06 | 00 | 31 | 00 | 00 | — | 10 | 21 | 00 | 02 | 31 | 02 | 22 |
| LECH POZNAN | 00 | 22 | 21 | 21 | 41 | 10 | 20 | 10 | 00 | — | 01 | 02 | 22 | 10 | 21 | 31 |
| ZAGALBIE | 21 | 33 | 00 | 02 | 21 | 20 | 10 | 01 | 10 | 20 | — | 11 | 00 | 11 | 21 | 12 |
| POLONIA BYTOM | 11 | 00 | 01 | 11 | 11 | 00 | 00 | 20 | 10 | 00 | 10 | — | 00 | 03 | 11 | 40 |
| SLASK WROCLAW | 01 | 31 | 12 | 00 | 20 | 10 | 20 | 20 | 12 | 01 | 21 | 31 | — | 10 | 31 | 11 |
| SZOMBIERKI | 12 | 22 | 13 | 33 | 01 | 52 | 22 | 00 | 30 | 30 | 12 | 11 | 41 | — | 10 | 11 |
| TYCHY | 02 | 11 | 02 | 21 | 22 | 00 | 31 | 30 | 32 | 11 | 01 | 30 | 31 | 31 | — | 11 |
| ARKA | 10 | 00 | 02 | 00 | 11 | 10 | 00 | 11 | 21 | 21 | 10 | 31 | 12 | 00 | 10 | — |

# LEAGUE TABLES

## BRAZIL

**Carioca Championship (2nd round)**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Botafogo...** | **9** | **8** | **1** | **0** | **27** | **8** | **17** |
| Flamengo | 10 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 20 | 6 | 16 |
| America ... | 9 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 12 | 14 |
| Fluminense | 9 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 18 | 6 | 13 |
| Vasco da Gama | 9 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 16 | 6 | 12 |
| Portuguesa | 9 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 20 | 7 |
| Campo Grande... | 10 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 15 | 6 |
| Madureira | 10 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 18 | 6 |
| Bangu ... | 8 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 6 |
| Olaria ... | 9 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 6 |
| Bonsucesso | 10 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 14 | 5 |
| Sao Cristovao | 10 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 16 | 4 |

**Leading scorer:** Roberto (Vasco da Gama) 19 (inc. 1st round)

**Sao Paulo State League (2nd round)**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Guarani ...** | **4** | **3** | **0** | **1** | **7** | **2** | **6** |
| Sao Paulo | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 5 |
| Portuguesa de D. | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| Santos ... | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 5 |
| Ferroviaria | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| America ... | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| Palmeiras | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| Corinthians | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 3 |
| XV de Novembro | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| Juventus... | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Noroeste... | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Sao Bento | 4 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 3 |
| Ponte Preta | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Comercial | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Saad ... | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| Paulista ... | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| Botafogo | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Portuguesa San. | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 1 |

## COLOMBIA

**"Abertura" Championship**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Millionarios Bo.** | **21** | **14** | **4** | **3** | **38** | **20** | **32** |
| Dep. Cali | 21 | 13 | 5 | 3 | 37 | 15 | 31 |
| Junior Baranquilla | 21 | 10 | 7 | 4 | 31 | 19 | 27 |
| Independ. S.Fe | 21 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 26 | 17 | 25 |
| Medellin... | 21 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 33 | 29 | 24 |
| Union Magdalena | 21 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 25 | 25 | 23 |
| Dep. Pereira | 21 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 32 | 31 | 21 |
| Dep. Quindio | 21 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 19 | 21 | 20 |
| Tolima ... | 21 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 22 | 31 | 19 |
| Bucaramanga | 21 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 29 | 35 | 18 |
| America Cali | 21 | 7 | 3 | 11 | 24 | 25 | 17 |
| Nacional... | 21 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 26 | 31 | 17 |
| Cristal Caldas | 21 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 22 | 41 | 12 |
| Cucuta ... | 21 | 1 | 6 | 14 | 13 | 37 | 8 |

**Leading scorer:** R. Caceres (Pereira) 19.

## URUGUAY

**First Division (opening championship)**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Penarol ...** | **16** | **11** | **5** | **0** | **47** | **17** | **27** |
| Liverpool | 16 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 28 | 8 | 25 |
| Nacional... | 16 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 36 | 14 | 24 |
| River Plate | 16 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 20 | 22 | 19 |
| Huracan Buceo... | 16 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 21 | 25 | 17 |
| Defensor... | 16 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 24 | 26 | 15 |
| Cerro ... | 16 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 21 | 30 | 14 |
| Danubio... | 16 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 19 | 20 | 14 |
| Wanderers | 16 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 21 | 21 | 13 |
| Rentistas | 16 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 17 | 36 | 9 |
| Fenix ... | 16 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 17 | 32 | 8 |
| Racing ... | 16 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 22 | 42 | 7 |

Relegation standings (total points 1974 and 1975: Rentistas & Fenix 26, Racing 14.

## ARGENTINA

**Metropolitan First Division**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **River Plate ...** | **26** | **17** | **6** | **3** | **57** | **30** | **40** |
| Union S.Fe | 26 | 15 | 4 | 7 | 44 | 34 | 34 |
| FC Oeste | 26 | 11 | 10 | 5 | 46 | 32 | 32 |
| Estudiantes La P. | 26 | 12 | 8 | 6 | 45 | 34 | 32 |
| Colon S.Fe | 26 | 10 | 12 | 4 | 40 | 32 | 32 |
| Huracan... | 26 | 12 | 7 | 7 | 47 | 34 | 31 |
| Boca Juniors | 26 | 13 | 4 | 9 | 48 | 31 | 30 |
| Gim. y Esg. La P. | 26 | 8 | 10 | 8 | 45 | 49 | 26 |
| Independiente | 26 | 9 | 7 | 10 | 36 | 32 | 25 |
| Racing Club | 26 | 7 | 11 | 8 | 47 | 59 | 25 |
| Velez Sarsfield | 26 | 9 | 7 | 10 | 35 | 37 | 25 |
| Rosario Central | 26 | 7 | 10 | 9 | 36 | 34 | 24 |
| All Boys... | 26 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 35 | 37 | 24 |
| Newell's Old Boys | 26 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 34 | 34 | 24 |
| Argentinos Jun.... | 26 | 8 | 6 | 12 | 36 | 45 | 22 |
| Atlanta ... | 26 | 8 | 4 | 14 | 41 | 51 | 20 |
| Chacarita Jun. | 26 | 7 | 6 | 13 | 30 | 53 | 20 |
| San Lorenzo | 26 | 6 | 7 | 13 | 39 | 50 | 19 |
| Banfield ... | 26 | 5 | 9 | 12 | 39 | 52 | 19 |
| Temperley | 26 | 4 | 8 | 14 | 27 | 47 | 16 |

**Relegation** (average points per match in 1973/4/5): Atlanta 0.78; Argentinos Jrs 0.76; All Boys 0.71; Chacarita Jrs 0.64; Banfield 0.53; Temperley 0.42 (three clubs relegated).

**Leading scorers:** H. Scotta (San Lorenzo) 23, Morete (River Plate) 18, Alonso (River Plate) 17, Della Savia (Gim. y Esg.) 16, Gottardi (Racing) 14, Moreno (Argentinos Jrs) & Brindisi (Huracan) 13.

## VENEZUELA

**Copa Venezuela**

(Final placings with unimportant pending games missing—Estudiantes champions at least on goals)

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Estudiantes ...** | **14** | **8** | **3** | **3** | **20** | **9** | **19** |
| Portuguesa | 13 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 18 | 12 | 17 |
| Universitario | 14 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 15 | 20 | 14 |
| San Cristobal | 12 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 16 | 12 | 13 |
| Valencia... | 14 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 12 | 15 | 13 |
| Italia ... | 14 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 12 | 12 |
| Portugues | 13 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 15 | 10 |
| Galicia ... | 12 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 8 |

**Professional League:** (after two games): (1) Portuguesa 4 pts; (2) Universitario 3; (3) Italia, Valencia, Estudiantes 2; (6) Galicia 1; (7) Portugues, San Cristobal 0.

## YUGOSLAVIA

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Haiduk** | **34** | **20** | **8** | **6** | **56** | **29** | **48** |
| Vojvodina | 34 | 16 | 13 | 5 | 53 | 32 | 45 |
| Red Star | 34 | 16 | 8 | 10 | 61 | 44 | 40 |
| Velez Mostar | 34 | 15 | 9 | 10 | 62 | 35 | 39 |
| Dinamo Zagreb | 34 | 11 | 16 | 7 | 38 | 31 | 38 |
| Partizan | 34 | 13 | 10 | 11 | 55 | 49 | 36 |
| Sloboda Tuzla | 34 | 12 | 12 | 10 | 41 | 45 | 36 |
| OFK Belgrade | 34 | 11 | 10 | 13 | 40 | 40 | 32 |
| Zeljezniear | 34 | 11 | 10 | 13 | 45 | 46 | 32 |
| Radnicki Nis | 34 | 9 | 14 | 11 | 31 | 37 | 32 |
| Celik Zenica | 34 | 10 | 11 | 13 | 35 | 41 | 31 |
| Olimpija | 34 | 7 | 17 | 10 | 37 | 48 | 31 |
| Sarajevo | 34 | 8 | 14 | 12 | 38 | 40 | 30 |
| Rijeka | 34 | 9 | 12 | 13 | 33 | 43 | 30 |
| Radnicki Krag | 34 | 9 | 12 | 13 | 27 | 39 | 30 |
| Vardar Skoplje | 34 | 7 | 15 | 12 | 35 | 41 | 29 |
| Bor | 34 | 8 | 11 | 15 | 32 | 54 | 27 |
| Promleter | 34 | 7 | 12 | 15 | 27 | 52 | 26 |

## PARAGUAY

**First Division**

(1) Olimpia 18 pts.; (2) River Plate 1
(3) Sportivo Luqueño 16; (4) Libertad 1
(5) Cerro Porteño 14; (6) Rubio Nu 1
(7) Guarani 9; (8) Sol de America
(9) Nacional 7; (10) Presidente Hayes 4.

## RUMANIA

| | P | W | D | L | F | A |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Dinamo** | **34** | **19** | **5** | **10** | **63** | **37** |
| AS Armata | 34 | 18 | 4 | 12 | 47 | 38 |
| Uni. Craiova | 34 | 15 | 9 | 10 | 51 | 32 |
| Sport. Studentese | 34 | 15 | 6 | 13 | 48 | 49 |
| Steaua | 34 | 15 | 5 | 14 | 59 | 45 |
| CSM Resita | 34 | 15 | 5 | 14 | 54 | 48 |
| Arges Pitesti | 34 | 15 | 4 | 15 | 51 | 43 |
| UT Arad | 34 | 15 | 4 | 15 | 45 | 39 |
| Constanta | 34 | 13 | 7 | 14 | 39 | 45 |
| Ol. Satu Mare | 34 | 13 | 7 | 14 | 38 | 44 |
| Poli. Timisoara | 34 | 13 | 7 | 14 | 32 | 40 |
| Poli. Iassi | 34 | 15 | 3 | 16 | 45 | 56 |
| Uni. Cluj | 34 | 12 | 9 | 13 | 29 | 38 |
| Jiul Petroseni | 34 | 13 | 6 | 15 | 41 | 36 |
| CFR Cluj | 34 | 11 | 10 | 13 | 26 | 34 |
| Steagul rosu | 34 | 12 | 7 | 15 | 39 | 30 |
| Ch. Ramn. Vil. | 34 | 11 | 9 | 14 | 35 | 54 |
| Galati | 34 | 10 | 5 | 19 | 27 | 61 |

## SWEDEN

| | P | W | D | L | F | A |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Malmö FF** | **14** | **9** | **5** | **0** | **24** | **5** |
| Djurgarden | 14 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 20 | 9 |
| Oester Växjo | 13 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 28 | 9 |
| Landskrona | 14 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 18 | 16 |
| AIK Stockholm | 13 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 22 | 12 |
| Oerebro | 14 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 18 | 11 |
| Atvidaberg | 14 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 12 | 15 |
| Norrköping | 14 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 22 | 23 |
| Oergryte | 14 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 15 | 19 |
| Elfsborg Boras | 14 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 14 | 24 |
| Hammarby | 14 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 16 | 23 |
| Halmstad | 14 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 16 |
| GAIS Göteborg | 14 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 24 |
| Sundsvall | 14 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 8 | 29 |

## RUSSIA

| | P | W | D | L | F | A |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Dynamo Kiev** | **13** | **8** | **3** | **2** | **24** | **11** |
| Ararat Erevan | 13 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 18 | 13 |
| Schachtjor Don | 12 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 23 | 14 |
| Dnjepropetrovsk | 13 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 19 | 16 |
| Sarja | 13 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 16 | 14 |
| Dynamo Tbilisi | 13 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 14 | 13 |
| Dynamo Moscow | 13 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 11 | 10 |
| L'motiv Moscow | 13 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 11 | 10 |
| CSKA Moscow | 13 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 12 | 13 |
| Pachtakor | 13 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 15 | 18 |
| Tschernomorez | 13 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 12 | 16 |
| Karpaty Lvov | 13 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 17 | 17 |
| Torpedo Moscow | 13 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 17 | 18 |
| Spartak Moscow | 12 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 8 |
| Zenit Leningrad | 13 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 11 | 22 |
| SKA Rostov | 13 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 11 | 24 |

**MORE NEXT MONTH**

# RECORD TRANSFER

## ITALY

**THE transfer of Giuseppe Savoldi — or Beppe — as he is known from Bologne to Napoli for a reported £1,400,000 has cracked the world record transfer, though there are two other players involved in the deal.**

**For 28 year old Savoldi, a steady, consistent marksman in 10 years in Italian First Division football, this is the peak of his career. He only won his first full cap last season after being an Under-21 and Under-23 international in the past. In 1974-75 he also passed another milestone when he made his 250th First Division appearance against Cagliari and celebrated the occasion with his 100th First Division goal.**

**Fiorentina won the Italian Cup beating AC Milan 3-2 in the final.**

**While Milan had been reasonably comfortable winners of Pool B, finishing clear of their rivals, Fiorentina had only topped Pool A as the result of superior goal difference.**

**In the final itself, the team from Florence was the first to score when Gianfranco Casarsa, their Under-23 international, opened it from a penalty. Alberto Bigon equalised for Milan before half-time.**

**In the second half Vincenzo Guerini restored Fiorentina's lead only for Luciano Chiarugi to tie it up again. Finally it took a goal by the second Fiorentina substitute Paolo Rosi to settle the match — and he had only come on after the first sub had gone off injured!**

**Italy's latest white hope, striker Giancarlo Antognoni, who made the second Fiorentina goal, again caught the eye on more than one occasion.**

**The two biggest names in Milan football over the last decade and a half, Facchetti and Rivera are still at odds with their respective clubs. Giacinto Facchetti wants to leave Inter and Rivera is no nearer being persuaded to return to the game despite offers — inevitably perhaps — from New York Cosmos, who are hoping to clinch the signing of Lazio's Giorgio Chinaglia.**

**Chinaglia has an American wife and recently bought a house in New Jersey, which will make life a lot easier if ways can be found for him to join the football circus out there.**

# UEFA TRIAL

## HOLLAND

**THE Dutch F.A.'s decision to start a competition to determine who would be eligible for entry into the coming season's UEFA Cup caused something of a surprise.**

Aimed obviously at squeezing extra revenue in the climate of falling attendances, Ajax, Twente, AZ 67 and Sparta had to participate in a tournament for a UEFA Cup place.

The final of the World Military Championships produced the same pairing as the World Cup Final a year before, with the Dutch trying to beat the West Germans again. Unfortunately since the tournament was held in Germany again, the odds were much in the host nation's favour.

The Germans duly won 1-0 with a penalty in the 39th minute scored by Harald Konopka the Cologne Bundesliga player. It was the 27th tournament in the history of this annual battle.

FC Twente who have transferred striker Johan Zuidema to NEC Breda have secured a replacement in the CS Bruges player Hans Aabech.

# Dussier goes

## LUXEMBOURG

**GILBERT DUSSIER, the 25 year old striker who made his name with Jeunesse D'Esch, is likely to become the latest player in Luxembourg to join the small, but prominent band of his countrymen who have successfully sought their living as footballers abroad.**

# More players travel abroad

## PORTUGAL

**THE exodus of players continues to be the dominating factor in Portuguese football. With both veteran Benfica players Antonio Simoes and Eusebio in the States with Boston Minutemen, comes news that the club's goalkeeper Jose Henrique may also be leaving for Waregem in Belgium. And Jordao, the young striker, is being sought by Real Betis, the Spanish club from Seville.**

Benfica took part in a tournament in Spain recently but were hard put to beat anyone. In the first game with Belgium's Standard Liege they were 2-2 at the end of full time before losing on penalties 4-3. In the match for third and fourth place they again drew with Badajoz 1-1 but this time got through on the spot kicks 8-7.

Porto have been further afield, to Brazil in fact. They lost 2-1 to Sao Paulo, beat Recife 2-1 and then drew 2-2 with Vasco de Gama. Match number four was also drawn 1-1 with Goiatacas but before match number five against Campos, transfer moves were afoot. Porto's Brazilian international forward Flavio seems likely to stay in his old country and both Peres and Seninho an Angolan have joined Recife.

Sporting Lisbon are also likely to lose players with Dinis being eyed by Marseille, Bastos being sought by Real Zaragoza and Alhinho by Atletico Madrid from across the Iberian border. Vitoria Setubal's losses are probably going to be added to by the departure of Jacinto Joao while Vitoria Guimaraes' top scorer Jeremias is the object of attention from Spain's Espanol.

The test matches involving Academico, Oriental, Barreirense, and Beira-Mar to see who would be relegated to the Second Division have again been fought out in tense tradition, with unknown Estoril and former First Division occupants Braga waiting to take their places from Division Two.

Portugal's two contestants in the International Cup Belenenses and Vitoria are currently lying second in their respective groups, both behind Eastern European teams heading their sections, respectively Spartak Trnava and Celik Zenica.

Belenenses beat FC Amsterdam 1-0 at home and are unbeaten in three games while Setubal have taken an average of a point a match from their trio so far.

# DOUBLE

## GREECE

**OLYMPIAKOS completed a League and Cup double in Greece by beating Panathinaikos in the Cup Final 1-0. The only goal of the game came in 35 minutes of the start when Davourlis scored.**

Panathinaikos, despite being without half of their regular side, gave a plucky display and fought hard against their rivals. The Italian referee booked seven players in the game which was watched by a crowd of 35,000 including the FIFA President Joao Havelange.

(third minute) who was replaced at the interval. Just before the interval Grahn scored the third and the only second half scorer as the Swedes slowed up and brought on more substitutes was Sjoberg.

### Iceland 0, France 0

**ICELAND helped Belgium, if they need any help, in their European Championship bid and with a little luck with their finishing might even have won this game. Perhaps surprisingly, the Icelandic team included three 'foreigners' playing in Belgium (Sigurvinsson), West Germany (Elmer Geirsson a substitute) and Denmark (Edvaldsson) and the French were bitterly critical of the state of the pitch in Reykjavik.**

For all but the last fifteen minutes the French appeared to be inferior in terms of physical condition and no doubt they were surprised by the determination and enthusiasm of the home side. At all events, Iceland could have gone ahead several times though their own goalkeeper Dagsson, who plays for Valur, put up a very creditable performance.

Juliusson shot wide when well placed ten minutes from time but the final 15 minutes saw the French storm at the Icelandic goal, going close several times and never closer when the ball was scrambled off the Iceland line with Dagsson beaten. Stefan Kovacs, the French team manager, said afterwards that he needed a striker who could get goals but that is probably an oversimplification. Iceland did surprisingly well and the French didn't deserve to win.

### Yugoslavia 3, Holland 0

**FOLLOWING their defeat in Belfast, the Yugoslav boss Ante Mladinic produced a re-shaped side, including two players currently on army service — Oblak and Bogicevic — and two young debutants, the latest Red Star discovery, centre forward Savic and Ivejic of Vojvodina, who each scored a goal.**

Dutch boss Georg Knobel either underestimated the Yugoslav's depth of talent and their ability to produce a new side at the drop of a hat or alternatively he decided to blood as many new caps as possible, in what was after all only a friendly. At all events, though Neeskens was included, only three of Holland's World Cup Final team played in Belgrade where a crowd of 30,000 saw Savic put the home side ahead after only 12 minutes.

The result was never in doubt and Popivoda, a World Cup reserve, increased the Yugoslav lead six minutes later and Ivejic who played on the left wing throughout the second half added the final goal with 14 minutes left. Clearly the Yugoslavs must have received a boost to their morale prior to their competitive away games in Scandinavia.

### East Germany 1, Poland 2

**FOR this friendly match in Halle, both sides fielded experimental teams and in the second half the Poles introduced three more players who had played no part in the World Cup last year.**

After a goal-less first half in which Lato was always dangerous and, accord-

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ing to one East German critic, Bronislaw Bula the Polish inside left showed more attacking ideas than the entire DDR team.

With more than an hour gone the East German boss Georg Buschner attempted to give his attack a boost, sending on the veteran Eberhard Vogel and Hans-Jurgen Dorner in place of the relatively inexperienced 21 years old Axel Tyll in midfield but it was Poland who opened the scoring through Lato with only a quarter of an hour left.

Vogel replied seven minutes later and with only four minutes left, Joachim Marx hit a 25 yarder that caught Jurgen Croy on his way out expecting a cross and beat him all ends up to give Poland a well deserved win.

With World Cup stars Gorgon, Deyna and Gadocha, the Poles displayed a depth of talent which if the East Germans could match it for quantity they were well behind in terms of quality.

### Rumania 1, Scotland 1

**RUMANIA recalled one of their most skilful forwards Nicolae Dobrin who teamed up with Mircea Lucescu and Dudu Georgescu to form an experienced attacking trio for a match that was vital to both sides as well as Spain, whose manager Ladislav Kubala was an interested spectator.**

Scotland appeared content to defend and slow the game down in the very warm conditions, looking for a breakaway goal that could have given them a win and improved their slim chances of qualifying. But after only 23 minutes Scottish hopes received a nasty jolt when left winger Lucescu (a right footed player), popped up on the right wing to waltz past three opponents and cross for Georgescue to score with a well placed header.

Minutes later Scotland had the ball in the net through Derek Parlane but the goal was disallowed because Lou Macari was offside. Gordon McQueen, captain for the first time in the absence of Bremner and Jardine, protested so violently that he was booked (one of four to Rumania's two).

The Rumanians appeared to have the game well in hand when with only a minute left a free kick taken by Kenny Dalglish led to Scotland equalising — a goal that must have delighted Kubala but apparently several Scottish FA officials quite unrealistically expected to have won this game leading to speculation about Willie Ormond's future.

Dalglish's kick was half cleared by a Rumanian head but McQueen who had moved up into the area pounced on the ball to beat Raducana. Perhaps the Rumanians would have got the victory their approach play deserved if Georgescu the top scorer in Europe this season had not been taken off injured after half an hour.

### Greece 4, Malta 0

**HAVING been surprisingly beaten in Malta, the Greeks gained ample revenge in Salonika to go clear leaders in their group though West Germany remain the favourites thanks in large degree to that 0-2 defeat of Greece in La Valetta.**

Malta were hardly in the game as wave after wave of Greek attacks bore down on Gatt's goal and Mavros missed two good chances while Antoniadis hit a post before Mavros opened the scoring just after half an hour. Defending in real depth the Maltese hung on but soon after the first score, the Greeks were awarded a penalty which was converted clearly by Antoniadis.

In the second half further goals from Iosifides and the veteran Papaioannou increased the Greeks winning margin to four.

### Sweden 1, Yugoslavia 2

**THIS was a game that neither side could afford to lose if they were to stay with Northern Ireland as the group leaders. Sweden began as favourites with Edstrom and Sandberg linking up again in attack and were virtually at full strength. The new Yugoslav side on the other hand began well, stroking the ball around between them skilfully while the Swedes were solid in defence and more athletic.**

The Swedes drew first blood, the result of a good move between Sandberg and Edstrom with the long legged giant applying the finishing touch. Yugoslavia were undeterred, plugging away with their collective, purposeful football but it was not until four minutes before the interval that they equalised.

Their big stopper Josip Katalinski, who had scored the vital goal that put Yugoslavia in the World Cup finals when he went up for a corner in the play-off against Spain, went upfield again at a critical moment and once more he levelled the scores.

In the second half Hagberg replaced Hellstrom in goal for Sweden but both sides went looking for a winning goal to retain a high tempo. After 65 minutes Georg Ericsson sent on as substitute Thomas Nordahl, the son of Gunner Nordahl for Sjoberg and two minutes later Ivejic replaced Savic. With Oblak and Vladic their midfield schemers still doing well it was the Yugoslavs who got the vital goal however, scored by Ivejic in the 77th minute, a goal that could prove vital in the final group reckoning.

### Sweden 3, Norway 1

**SWEDEN gained two points and a comfortable win with Lund absent from the Norwegian line-up and Kent Karlsson recalled in place of Njordquist at the heart of their defence.**

Thomas Nordahl scored the only goal of the first half in the 33rd minute but ten minutes into the second half Norway got back into their game when Rudi Glockner gave them a penalty which Erik Just Olsen converted. This spurred the superior Swedes back into action and within two minutes Nordahl had restored their lead with veteran Ove Grahn scoring the third goal from a free kick.

**Due to lack of space reports of some international matches and line-ups have been held over until next month. So, too, has International Microscope.**

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World SOCCER

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